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Wed 2200 WBCQ 7415
Wed 2300 WBCQ 18910-CLSB or 17495-CLSB
Thu 1430 WRMI 7385
Thu 1500 KAIJ 9480
Fri 0630 WRMI 9955**
Fri 1030 KAIJ 5755
Fri 1100 WRMI 9955**
Fri 2030 WWCR1 15825
Sat 1630 WWCR3 12160 [irregular]
Sat 2130 WRMI 9955
Sun 0230 WWCR3 5070
Sun 0630 WWCR1 3215
Sun 0800 WRMI 9955
Sun 1500 WRMI 7385
Mon 0300 WBCQ 9330-CLSB
Mon 0415 WBCQ 7415 [time varies]
Mon 0530 WRMI 9955**
Mon 0930 WRMI 9955**
Tue 1030 WRMI 9955**
Wed 0730 WRMI 9955**

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** ALBANIA. RT, 6114.99 at 0239 May 29 with politics. Solid S5. // 7424.98 at S5 (Liz Cameron, MI, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

13750 was providing fair reception at tune-in 1320 May 29 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ALGERIA [non]. Rdf TV Algerienne, 7265 at 0415 in Arabic with Qur'an. Good via Skelton. // 9540 via Woofferton fair, QRM. 28 May (Liz Cameron, Metro Detroit, MI, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ANGUILLA [and non]. May 29 at 0538 I noticed that DGS 6090 Anguilla was missing again. Something else weaker there, probably Nigeria. And at 1543 it seems that 11775 is also missing, so another opportunity to DX other stuff on these frequencies. 73, (Glenn Hauser, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Seems to me a general failure in all DGS system but not necessarily transmitters. Strong carrier from Cahuita 9725 at 2230, Monday, May 28. // 11870 and 13750 with weaker carrier. Nothing on 6090 and I thought it was my chance for Nigeria, but "nel pastel". 73 (Ra˙l Saavedra, Costa Rica, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Dr. Gene Observations on 29 May:

Costa Rica:
 5030.01 at 0046
 6149.97 at 0300
 9725.03 at 0046 (9725.06 at 2300+)

Anguilla:
6090 and 11775 not heard. I could not hear SW R Africa on 11775 from 1700-1900. I haven't heard 11810 here for a while either. I also couldn't hear Nigeria on 6090 unfortunately, unlike other list members.

USA WWCR:
 5935 at 0300 strong at S5

13845 at 0046 strong at S4

73/Liz (Liz Cameron, Metro Detroit, MI, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ANTARCTICA [and non]. May 28 at 1834 I found an audible het between ANU 15475 and a carrier on 15476, which must be LRA36. ANU was pretty weak, but some audio; at 1900 sharp after a timecheck in French for 1900, modulation ceased, and carrier off a semiminute later, after the typical power/frequency oscillation for a few seconds. I could then still detect the 15476 carrier by itself with BFO, but no audio and did not improve later (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

LRA 36 op 15476 kHz, al waar tenemen vanaf 1800 UT. Des ondanks de splatter van 15475, Gr (Maurits van Driessche, Belgium, May 28, BDX via DXLD)

** ARGENTINA. RAE further off-frequency than usual, judging from the het against Morocco and Spain which as usual produce only a sub-audible het of a few Hz against each other on 15345.0; May 28 at 1837 I put RAE at about 15343.4, no audio detected (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ARGENTINA. 6280, 2028 19/05, Radio Nacional, Buenos Aires, m˙sical local, SS // 6060 kHz, 45233 (RUBENS FERRAZ PEDROSO, BANDEIRANTES-PR, BRASIL, RECEPTORES: SONY ICF SW 7600GR/G E KENWOOD R600. ANTENA: LW DE 12 METROS. @tividade DX May 27 via DXLD) As reported recently here, 6280 is a spur from 6060 matching one on 5840 (gh, DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. I don't know if there is a connection between the CVC we hear on shortwave and this Australian investment group but the following article was in the Wall Street Journal... Jerry Lenamon

SYDNEY -- Signaling another step back from its once-core media business, Publishing & Broadcasting Ltd. of Australia said it is in talks about selling more of the operations to private-equity partner CVC Asia Pacific.

Publishing & Broadcasting, which is controlled by Australian billionaire James Packer, said it is in discussions to sell a further 25% interest in its recently formed PBL Media joint venture to funds advised by the buyout group. Analysts expect the move could free up 400 million to 500 million Australian dollars, or some US$330 million to US$410 million, in capital for Publishing & Broadcasting (via Jerry Lenamon, TX, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BELARUS. Re 7-062, All pictures from Kolodishchi near Minsk http://foto.mail.ru/mail/leryfm/vishki/

Thank you very much! An explanation about what we're talking here might be useful: This is an outskirt east of Minsk (the railway line on the first photo page should be the one to Moscow), and this site contains all high power shortwave transmitters in Belarus (HFFC designator "MNS"), mediumwave 1125 (Radio Kultura) as well as 873 and 1197 (both off and silent). (Kai Ludwig, Germany, May 29, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BHUTAN. UNIDENTIFIED. There was a weak Asian station yesterday, May 28, on clear 6035 at 1552 in some subcontinental? Language, later dominating co/channel NHK which opened here 1556. Presumably switched to English at TOH, then continued with English news? and interview but lost 1627 as strong BBC appeared on adjacent 6030. This wouldn't be Bhutan on extended schedule? (Martien Groot, Schoorl, Netherlands, via Noel Green, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1361, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I already pointed out that per its posted schedule BBS is running continuously from 01 to 17 UT (really 00-, we know). http://www.bbs.com.bt/Telschedule.htm With English hours at 11, 14, 20 and 22 local = 05, 08, 14, 16 UT. Altho they do not make clear if this really applies to SW as well as FM (Glenn, ibid.)

Bhutan is running extended services for its first parliamentary election trials on 6035 kHz going past 1600 with English discussions. Bad interference cochannel NHK. 28th May 2007 (G. VICTOR A. GOONETILLEKE, 4S7VK, "Shangri-La," 298 Madapatha Road, Piliyandala. Sri Lanka, dx_india via WORLD OF RADIO 1361, DXLD)

** CANADA. 6030, Calgary - CFVP relaying CKMX (AM 1060), 0803-0828 May 28, their usual clear Monday (MartÌ and jammer are off), C&W songs ("Talking In Your Sleep", "Looking For Love", "Sunday Morning Coming Down", etc.), IDs "Classic Country AM 1060", PSA for the June 9 & 10 Easter Seals relay, fair-poor (Ron Howard, Monterey, CA, EtÛn E5, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. CJOB-680 Winnipeg MB has applied to the CRTC to simulcast of FM (106.3 MHz, 100 kW, 223 metres). The AM transmitter would remain on the air:
http://www.crtc.gc.ca/archive/ENG/Notices/2007/pb2007-57.htm

2. Winnipeg, Manitoba, Application No. 2007-0701-0

Application by Corus Premium Television Ltd. to amend the licence of the commercial English-language AM radio programming undertaking CJOB Winnipeg, Manitoba.

The licensee proposes to add an FM transmitter at Winnipeg to

broadcast the programming of CJOB, in order to improve its service to the population of Winnipeg.

The transmitter would operate on frequency 106.3 MHz (channel 292C1) with an effective radiated power of 100,000 watts (non-directional antenna/effective antenna height of 223 metres).

The licensee advised that a "nested" FM solution is the best means of addressing CJOBís frequency problems faced by Winnipeg-area listeners both in Winnipegís downtown core and in the areas south of the city during evening and night-time hours. In addition, it noted that younger audiences are veering away from the AM band. 73, (Deane McIntyre VE6BPO, May 29, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. CBC NQ, 9625 at 0039 May 29 with pop music. Inuit. On frequency for once but severe rumble detectable on USB only, not LSB. A bit garbled on AM (Liz Cameron, MI, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC. 7220 R. Centrafrique, Bimbo, 1023-..., 26 May, Vernacular (t), unreadable talks; 15341; I was unable to keep monitoring it for quite some time, and found it gone at recheck around 1200 (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHAD. UNID, 7291 (Chad?), 1445-..., 26 May, Cf. 24/5 0614, i.e. vernacular, talks on a highly distorted audio; 35443. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I wonder if RNT moved down 20 kHz as a result of being contacted about interference to 7310? (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Dear Glenn, On May 8th 2007 I have sent an e-mail to RNT in French, but got no response. Regards, (Ehard Goddijn, RNW, May 29, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHAD. /SUDAN [non]. Associated Press piece making the rounds Monday afternoon about Radio Sila, a US-backed clandestine based in Chad and directed towards Darfur region. Bugger all about the frequency, of course (Chuck Albertson, Seattle, Wash., WORLD OF RADIO 1361, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

RADIO OFFERS NEW VOICE ON DARFUR BORDER
By ALFRED DE MONTESQUIOU, ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER
http://seattlepi.nwsource.com/national/1105AP_Darfur_On_the_Air.html

GOZ BEIDA, Chad -- Men driving donkey carts to the market and refugees crouching in the shade finally have something to break the boredom of life in this arid Darfur border village - news, hip-hop and Arabic music coming in on cranky transistor radios.

It's Radio Sila, the village's only radio station, funded mostly by U.S. taxpayers and pumping some fun into a violence-region suffering the spillover from the Darfur conflict next door.

"People follow our car in the streets, shouting 'radio, radio,'" said Fiacre Munezero, the station's supervisor. "It's a good start."

Broadcast from a metal cargo container converted into a studio, the station is run by Internews, a California-based aid group spreading news and music to crisis zones.

"First and foremost, we're a community radio," said Jocelyn Grange, a French journalist who manages the program in eastern Chad. "We try to be directly useful to our listeners."

About 230,000 Darfurians are refugees in Chad, along with some 140,000 Chadians who also were uprooted by the violence.

Thousands of Darfur refugees are packed into a camp around Goz Beida, and the border region has become a crossroads of violence, where people live in fear of attack by Chadian fighters as well as Darfur's dreaded janjaweed militia allied to Sudanese government forces.

Radio Sila is modeled after two others opened by Internews in 2005 and mid-2006 in eastern Chad, which offer a mix of local news and music seven days a week from morning to dusk. The stations also alert listeners to dangers, such as a recent janjaweed raid on a Chadian village that left 400 people dead.

On a recent day, the news on radio Sila covered a U.N. VIP's visit, an upsurge in attacks on a nearby refugee camp, and a calendar of junior league soccer matches.

The Voice of Ouaddai in the region's main town of Abeche broadcasts in French and Arabic - Chad's two official languages. To the north, Radio Absoun is also broadcast in Zaghawa, the African language spoken in many villages and by the tens of thousands of Darfur refugees.

Radio Sila, in the south, largely caters to the Massalit tribe, whose language is rarely spoken in Chad, which is why it took longer to go on the air - it had to find a Massalit speaker with broadcasting skills.

Wearing a bright red cotton robe, Awatif Oussma did not seem at first glance like a radio host. Her soft voice was barely audible and she often appeared more concerned with her 2-year-old daughter crying on her lap than the bulging microphone in front of her.

But when Radio Sila's studio light switched to red, she broke into a fast-paced diction and read the news headlines in Massalit's rolling, high-pitched guttural sounds.

A schoolmistress by training, Oussma said she fled western Darfur three years ago when janjaweed attackers destroyed her village.

Now living in a refugee camp next to Goz Beida with her husband and two children, she was hired and trained by Internews to become a radio journalist.

Camp elders first wanted Oussma to remain a teacher, said Ahmed Zene, the station's editor in chief.

"But then they realized it was better she switched to radio so that she could teach the whole community," Zene said.

Internews' three stations operate on a $1 million budget for this year, with most of the funding provided by the U.S. State Department and the U.S. Agency for International Development.

Along with news and music, the stations feature six weekly shows addressing topics such as health and safety in the camps. The star program, "She Speaks, She Listens," addresses women's issues.

"We consider there's no taboo, as long as you're careful about how to address things," Grange said. "The only topic we carefully avoid is politics."

Music outplays news, and men glued to their radio in the Koubigou refugee camp said they preferred it that way.

"Life is so, so boring in the camps," said refugee Abakar Hamid. "At least listening gives us something to do." (via Chuck Albertson, DXLD, and Mike Terry, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1361, DXLD)

WTFK? I`d be surprised if any of these are anything but FM (gh, ibid.)

** CHILE. See EGYPT

** CHINA. Firedrake against Sound of Hope, May 29 at 0021 on 13970, F-G; not audible on 10300, 9200 or 18160, but also found on // 15150 at 0035, the latter about evenly mixed with Chinese talk, which would be VOA via Thailand rather than SOH at this hour.

UT May 29 logs in this report are from another DXpedition to Meadowlake Park, Enid, away from the household noise sources, using

DX-398 on battery power (down to only 3 marks on the meter), and reel-out antenna of a few meters to a tree or light pole, while watching the geese and fish (Glenn Hauser, MLPDX, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Dear OM, Changed Firedrake which transmitted on 18160 kHz in Ham band, now on 18180 kHz from May 27. SOH unofficial 24 hrs service 9200, 10300 and 14500 kHz. And other pro[grams?], 13970, 14650 and 18180 kHz de S. Aoki (S. Hasegawa May 29, NDXC WORLD OF RADIO 1361, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA [and non]. Firedrake channels (Excluding SOH 24 hr channels)

		Su-W-Sa	
6085*CBS TAIWAN	0900-1500	1234567	Chinese
6090*BBC	1300-1530	1234567	Chinese
6105*CBS TAIWAN	2200-2400	1234567	Chinese
6110*VOICE OF AMERICA	1100-1230	1234567	Chinese
6110*VOICE OF AMERICA	1230-1500	1234567	Chinese
6145*CBS TAIWAN	1400-1800	1234567	Chinese
6150*CBS TAIWAN	2200-2400	1234567	Chinese
6150*CBS TAIWAN	0900-1400	1234567	Chinese
6280*Xi Wang Zhi Sheng SOH	2200-2300	67	Chinese
6280*Xi Wang Zhi Sheng SOH	2300-2400	67	Chinese
7105*BBC	1300-1530	1234567	Chinese
7105*R.FREE ASIA	2100-2200	1234567	Chinese
7130*CBS TAIWAN	1400-1800	1234567	Chinese
7160*BBC	2200-2300	1234567	Chinese
7185*CBS TAIWAN	0900-1800	1234567	Chinese
7190*VOICE OF AMERICA	2200-2300	1234567	Chinese
7195*BBC	0200-0215	1234567	Azeri
7195*BBC	0300-0315	1234567	Azeri
7200*VOICE OF AMERICA	2200-2300	1234567	Chinese
7260*R.FREE ASIA	1700-1800	1234567	Chinese
7260*R.FREE ASIA	1900-2000	1234567	Chinese
7260*R.FREE ASIA	2000-2100	1234567	Chinese
7270*VOICE OF CHINA	1430-1530	1234567	Chinese
7270*VOICE OF CHINA	2300-2400	1234567	Chinese
7280*Xi Wang Zhi Sheng SOH	1100-1200	1234567	Chinese
7280*Xi Wang Zhi Sheng SOH	1200-1300	1234567	Chinese
7280*R.FREE ASIA	1700-1800	1234567	Chinese
7280*R.FREE ASIA	1800-1900	1234567	Chinese
7310*Xi Wang Zhi Sheng SOH	1300-1400	1234567	Chinese
7310*Xi Wang Zhi Sheng SOH	2300-2400	1234567	Chinese
7330*BBC	1100-1530	1234567	Chinese
7355*R.FREE ASIA	1800-2200	1234567	Chinese
7365*CBS TAIWAN	1600-1800	1234567	Chinese
7445*CBS TAIWAN	1300-1500	1234567	Chinese
7470*R.FREE ASIA	1100-1200	1234567	Tibetan

7470*R.FREE ASIA	1200-1229	1234567	Tibetan(Amdo)
7470*R.FREE ASIA	1229-1300	1234567	Tibeta(Khams)
7470*R.FREE ASIA	1300-1400	1234567	Tibetan
7470*R.FREE ASIA	2300-2400	1234567	Tibetan
7500*R.FREE ASIA	2300-2400	1234567	Tibetan
7540*R.FREE ASIA	2300-2400	1234567	Chinese
9350*R.FREE ASIA	0100-0200	1234567	Uighur
9350*R.FREE ASIA	1600-1700	1234567	Uighur
9355*R.FREE ASIA	1700-2100	1234567	Chinese
9365*R.FREE ASIA	0100-0200	1234567	Tibetan
9365*R.FREE ASIA	0200-0229	1234567	Tibet(Amdo)
9365*R.FREE ASIA	0229-0300	1234567	Tibeta(Khams)
9370*R.FREE ASIA	1500-1600	1234567	Tibetan
9370*R.FREE ASIA	1600-1700	1234567	Uighur
9415*CBS TAIWAN	0900-1000	1234567	Chinese
9415*CBS TAIWAN	1000-1100	1234567	Chinese
9450*Xi Wang Zhi Sheng SOH	1400-1500	123456	Chinese
9450*Xi Wang Zhi Sheng SOH	1500-1600	1234567	Chinese
9455*R.FREE ASIA	1500-1600	1234567	Chinese
9455*R.FREE ASIA	1600-1700	1234567	Chinese
9455*R.FREE ASIA	1700-2100	1234567	Chinese
9510*VOICE OF AMERICA	2200-2300	1234567	Chinese
9540*R.FREE ASIA	1700-1800	1234567	Chinese
9540*R.FREE ASIA	1800-1900	1234567	Chinese
9545*VOICE OF AMERICA	0000-0300	1234567	Chinese
9555*R.FREE ASIA	1600-1700	1234567	Uighur
9570*BBC	0200-0215	1234567	Azeri
9570*BBC	0300-0315	1234567	Azeri
9570*BBC	1700-1730	1234567	Azeri
9575*ALL INDIA RADIO	1215-1315	1234567	Tibetan
9575*VOICE OF AMERICA	1000-1200	1234567	Chinese
9580*BBC	2200-2330	1234567	Chinese
9605*BBC	1100-1530	1234567	Chinese
9610*BBC	2200-2300	1234567	Chinese
9615*BBC	1600-1630	1234567	Uzbek
9635*Xi Wang Zhi Sheng SOH	2200-2300	1234567	Chinese
9660*CBS TAIWAN	0000-0300	1234567	Chinese
9680*CBS TAIWAN	1100-1800	1234567	Chinese
9705*VOICE OF AMERICA	1500-1530	1234567	Uzbek
9780*CBS TAIWAN	1000-1400	1234567	Chinese
9805*R.FREE ASIA	2300-2400	1234567	Tibetan
9845*VOICE OF AMERICA	1200-1300	1234567	Chinese
9845*VOICE OF AMERICA	1300-1500	1234567	Chinese
9855*VOICE OF AMERICA	0000-0100	1234567	Tibetan
9865*R.FREE ASIA	1800-1900	1234567	Chinese
9865*R.FREE ASIA	1900-2000	1234567	Chinese
9875*R.FREE ASIA	2300-2400	1234567	Tibetan
9885*VOICE OF AMERICA	1500-1530	1234567	Uzbek

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 9905*R.FREE ASIA                1500-1800 1234567 Chinese
 9905*R.FREE ASIA                1900-2100 1234567 Chinese
 9910*R.FREE ASIA                2100-2200 1234567 Chinese
 9930*KWHR Xi Wang Zhi Sheng SOH 1400-1500 .23456. Chinese
 9930*KWHR Xi Wang Zhi Sheng SOH 1600-1700 .23456. Chinese
11520*CBS TAIWAN                 0900-1000 1234567 Chinese
11520*VOICE OF AMERICA           1400-1500 1234567 Tibetan
11540*R.FREE ASIA                1500-1600 1234567 Chinese
11540*R.FREE ASIA                1600-1700 1234567 Chinese
11540*R.FREE ASIA                1700-1800 1234567 Chinese
11550*R.FREE ASIA                1500-1600 1234567 Tibetan
11560*VOICE OF TIBET             1130-1200 1234567 Chinese
11590*R.FREE ASIA                1200-1229 1234567 Tibetan(Amdo)
11590*R.FREE ASIA                1229-1300 1234567 Tibetan(Khams)
11590*R.FREE ASIA                1300-1400 1234567 Tibetan
11590*VOICE OF AMERICA           1500-1530 1234567 Uzbek
11605*R.FREE ASIA                1200-1229 1234567 Tibetan(Amdo)
11605*R.FREE ASIA                1229-1300 1234567 Tibetan(Khams)
11605*R.FREE ASIA                1300-1400 1234567 Tibetan
11635*CBS TAIWAN                 0900-1000 1234567 Chinese
11635*CBS TAIWAN                 2200-2400 1234567 Chinese
11640*CBS TAIWAN                 0000-0500 1234567 Chinese
11665*CBS TAIWAN                 0900-1600 1234567 Chinese
11690*VOICE OF AMERICA           0000-0100 1234567 Tibetan
11695*R.FREE ASIA                0100-0200 1234567 Tibetan
11695*R.FREE ASIA                0200-0229 1234567 Tibetan(Amdo)
11695*R.FREE ASIA                0229-0300 1234567 Tibetan(Khams)
11700*R.FREE ASIA                1800-1900 1234567 Chinese
11700*R.FREE ASIA                1900-2000 1234567 Chinese
11700*R.FREE ASIA                2000-2100 1234567 Chinese
11705*R.FREE ASIA                1500-1600 1234567 Tibetan
11710*CBS TAIWAN                 2200-2400 1234567 Chinese
11710*CBS TAIWAN                 1100-1300 1234567 Chinese
11740*R.FREE ASIA                2000-2200 1234567 Chinese
11750*Xi Wang Zhi Sheng SOH      0900-1000 1234567 Korean
11750*R.FREE ASIA                1600-1700 1234567 Uighur
11760*CBS TAIWAN                 1430-1500 1234567 Chinese
11760*R.FREE ASIA                2300-2400 1234567 Chinese
11765*Xi Wang Zhi Sheng SOH      1600-1700 1234567 Chinese
11775*ALL INDIA RADIO            1215-1315 1234567 Tibetan
11785*R.FREE ASIA                1900-2000 1234567 Chinese
11785*R.FREE ASIA                2000-2100 1234567 Chinese
11785*R.FREE ASIA                2300-2400 1234567 Chinese
11785*VOICE OF AMERICA           1100-1400 1234567 Chinese
11795*R.FREE ASIA                1500-1600 1234567 Tibetan
11795*R.FREE ASIA                1600-1700 1234567 Chinese
11795*R.FREE ASIA                1700-1800 1234567 Chinese
11805*VOICE OF AMERICA           1230-1500 1234567 Chinese
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11825*VOICE OF AMERICA	0900-1300	1234567	Chinese
11830*VOICE OF AMERICA	0000-0300	1234567	Chinese
11840*ALL INDIA RADIO	1145-1315	1234567	Chinese
11855*BBC	1700-1730	1234567	Azeri
11885*CBS TAIWAN	2200-0500	1234567	Chinese
11895*R.FREE ASIA	0100-0200	1234567	Uighur
11915*BBC	1300-1330	1234567	Uzbek
11925*VOICE OF AMERICA	2200-2300	1234567	Chinese
11925*VOICE OF AMERICA	0000-0300	1234567	Chinese
11935*R.FREE ASIA	2100-2200	1234567	Chinese
11945*BBC	1100-1300	1234567	Chinese
11945*BBC	2200-2300	1234567	Chinese
11945*R.FREE ASIA	0100-0200	1234567	Uighur
11965*VOICE OF AMERICA	0900-1100	1234567	Chinese
11965*VOICE OF AMERICA	1300-1500	1234567	Chinese
11975*R.FREE ASIA	0100-0200	1234567	Tibetan
11975*R.FREE ASIA	0200-0229	1234567	Tibetan(Amdo)
11975*R.FREE ASIA	0229-0300	1234567	Tibetan(Khams)
11975*VOICE OF AMERICA	1400-1500	1234567	Tibetan
11980*BBC	2200-2330	1234567	Chinese
11990*VOICE OF AMERICA	1100-1230	1234567	Chinese
11990*VOICE OF AMERICA	1300-1500	1234567	Chinese
12005*R.FREE ASIA	1500-1600	1234567	Chinese
12015*BBC	1600-1630	1234567	Uzbek
12025*R.FREE ASIA	1500-1600	1234567	Chinese
12025*R.FREE ASIA	1600-1700	1234567	Chinese
12040*VOICE OF AMERICA	1000-1100	1234567	Chinese
12040*VOICE OF AMERICA	1100-1500	1234567	Chinese
12085*BBC	1600-1630	1234567	Uzbek
13610*VOICE OF AMERICA	0700-1100	1234567	Chinese
13625*R.FREE ASIA	1700-2200	1234567	Chinese
13675*R.FREE ASIA	1500-1600	1234567	Chinese
13675*R.FREE ASIA	1600-1700	1234567	Chinese
13725*R.FREE ASIA	1500-1600	1234567	Chinese
13740*VOICE OF AMERICA	0700-1000	1234567	Chinese
13760*R.FREE ASIA	0300-0600	1234567	Chinese
13760*R.FREE ASIA	0600-0700	1234567	Chinese
13775*VOICE OF AMERICA	2200-2300	1234567	Chinese
13790*BBC	2200-2330	1234567	Chinese
13830*R.FREE ASIA	1100-1200	1234567	Tibetan
13830*R.FREE ASIA	1200-1229	1234567	Tibetan(Amdo)
13830*R.FREE ASIA	1229-1300	1234567	Tibetan(Khams)
13830*R.FREE ASIA	1300-1400	1234567	Tibetan
13855*BBC	1300-1330	1234567	Uzbek
15130*R.FREE ASIA	0300-0600	1234567	Chinese
15150*VOICE OF AMERICA	0000-0200	1234567	Chinese
15165*R.FREE ASIA	0600-0700	1234567	Chinese
15205*VOICE OF AMERICA	1100-1300	1234567	Chinese

15225*R.FREE ASIA	0100-0200	1234567	Tibetan
15225*R.FREE ASIA	0200-0229	1234567	Tibetan(Amdo)
15225*R.FREE ASIA	0229-0300	1234567	Tibetan(Khams)
15245*CBS TAIWAN	2300-0400	1234567	Chinese
15250*VOICE OF AMERICA	0700-1100	1234567	Chinese
15265*VOICE OF AMERICA	0400-0600	1234567	Tibetan
15265*VOICE OF AMERICA	1500-1530	1234567	Uzbek
15265*CBS TAIWAN	1300-1400	1234567	Chinese
15270*CBS TAIWAN	0400-0600	1234567	Chinese
15285*BBC	1100-1530	1234567	Chinese
15290*CBS TAIWAN	0200-0500	1234567	Chinese
15320*CBS TAIWAN	0400-0500	1234567	Chinese
15330*BBC	1300-1330	1234567	Uzbek
15375*R.FREE ASIA	1100-1200	1234567	Tibetan
15375*R.FREE ASIA	1200-1229	1234567	Tibetan(Amdo)
15375*R.FREE ASIA	1229-1300	1234567	Tibetan(Khams)
15375*R.FREE ASIA	1300-1400	1234567	Tibetan
15385*VOICE OF AMERICA	0000-0300	1234567	Chinese
15430*R.FREE ASIA	2300-2400	1234567	Chinese
15465*CBS TAIWAN	1200-1300	1234567	Chinese
15485*R.FREE ASIA	2300-2400	1234567	Chinese
15490*VOICE OF AMERICA	0400-0600	1234567	Tibetan
15495*R.FREE ASIA	1500-1600	1234567	Chinese
15510*R.FREE ASIA	1800-1900	1234567	Chinese
15510*R.FREE ASIA	1900-2000	1234567	Chinese
15525*CBS TAIWAN	0900-1000	1234567	Chinese
15530*R.FREE ASIA	1600-1700	1234567	Chinese
15585*R.FREE ASIA	2300-2400	1234567	Chinese
15635*R.FREE ASIA	0300-0600	1234567	Chinese
15635*R.FREE ASIA	0600-0700	1234567	Chinese
15665*VOICE OF AMERICA	0900-1100	1234567	Chinese
15680*R.FREE ASIA	0300-0600	1234567	Chinese
15680*R.FREE ASIA	0600-0700	1234567	Chinese
15795*ALL INDIA RADIO	1145-1315	1234567	Chinese
17550*VOICE OF TIBET	1400-1430	1234567	Tibetan
17550*VOICE OF TIBET	1530-1600	1234567	Tibetan
17565*VOICE OF TIBET	1050-1135	1234567	Tibetan
17565*VOICE OF TIBET	1135-1210	1234567	Chinese
17565*VOICE OF TIBET	1212-1245	1234567	Tibetan
17565*VOICE OF TIBET	1245-1300	1234567	Chinese
17565*VOICE OF TIBET	1300-1330	1234567	Tibetan
17565*VOICE OF TIBET	1330-1350	1234567	Chinese
17565*VOICE OF TIBET	1350-1420	1234567	Tibetan
17565*VOICE OF TIBET	1420-1435	1234567	Chinese
17565*VOICE OF TIBET	1435-1505	1234567	Tibetan
17565*VOICE OF TIBET	1505-1520	1234567	Chinese
17615*R.FREE ASIA	0300-0600	1234567	Chinese
17615*R.FREE ASIA	0600-0700	1234567	Chinese

17630*BBC	1600-1630	1234567	Uzbek
17640*R.FREE ASIA	0100-0200	1234567	Uighur
17685*VOICE OF AMERICA	0400-0600	1234567	Tibetan
17695*R.FREE ASIA	0100-0200	1234567	Uighur
17705*ALL INDIA RADIO	1145-1315	1234567	Chinese
17730*R.FREE ASIA	0100-0200	1234567	Tibetan
17730*R.FREE ASIA	0200-0229	1234567	Tibetan(Amdo)
17730*R.FREE ASIA	0229-0300	1234567	Tibetan(Khams)
17765*VOICE OF AMERICA	0000-0300	1234567	Chinese
17780*R.FREE ASIA	0600-0700	1234567	Tibetan
17780*VOICE OF AMERICA	0700-1000	1234567	Chinese
17855*VOICE OF AMERICA	0700-1100	1234567	Chinese
17855*R.FREE ASIA	1100-1200	1234567	Tibetan
17880*R.FREE ASIA	0300-0600	1234567	Chinese
17880*R.FREE ASIA	0600-0700	1234567	Chinese
21500*R.FREE ASIA	0600-0700	1234567	Tibetan
21550*R.FREE ASIA	0300-0600	1234567	Chinese
21550*R.FREE ASIA	0600-0700	1234567	Chinese
21660*BBC	1100-1300	1234567	Chinese
21690*R.FREE ASIA	0300-0600	1234567	Chinese
21690*R.FREE ASIA	0600-0700	1234567	Tibetan
21705*VOICE OF AMERICA	0700-0900	1234567	Chinese

de S. Aoki (S. Hasegawa, NDXC, May 29, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** COLOMBIA. Desde el pasado 25 de mayo, la seÒal de la Radio p˙blica de Colombia se puede escuchar en Internet a travÈs de los sitios Web de las estaciones Radio Nacional de Colombia
http://www.radionacionaldecolombia.gov.co
y de RadiÛnica http://www.radionica.gov.co

Adem·s del sonido en los sitios Web, los visitantes encontrar·n adem·s informaciÛn, chat, galerÌas fotogr·ficas y news letter entre otros servicios. Esto se suma al proceso de recuperaciÛn de la red de la radio p˙blica en todo el paÌs y de la ampliaciÛn de cobertura a travÈs de RadiÛnica, que llega ahora a MedellÌn en los 99.9 FM y Cartagena 91.1 FM. (28/05/2007) (http://www.deradios.com via Nicol·s Eramo, Argentina, condig list via DXLD)

** CUBA. Cut #s station loud and clear on 5899 at 0511+. Another carrier on 5898. I normally don't note these but their CW frequencies are usually more accurate than their voice transmissions. 28 May (Liz Cameron, Metro Detroit, MI, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) see also UNIDENTIFIED

** CUBA. The Dentro-Cuban Jamming Command continues to mess up frequencies other than those they are targeting, and do they care? Of course not! May 29 at 0022 I found jamming pulsing away harmonically on 18090, which is 3 x 6030 against R. MartÌ. I also heard very weak

audio on 18000, but could not be sure it was // RHC 6000 or the other station it was colliding with on the fundamental. Then at 0024 found on 17730 exactly the same jamming pulses as on 18060, but here spreading to 17725, bothering WYFR in Portuguese, and to 17735. This is what we tend to call ``bubble jamming`` but without the tones since there is no carrier to beat against. 18090 is common, but never heard 17730 before, which is 3 x 5910 against R. Rep˙blica via Germany, and it was also heavily jammed on the fundamental. BTW, RHC on 17705 with music in Spanish had a good signal. At 0052 I heard similar pulses on 6235 but can`t pin this on Cuba as mixing products of 49mb jamming and/or broadcast transmitters. At 0109, heard 12060 pulses, the second harmonic of 6030 to go along with the third on 18090 (Glenn Hauser, MLPDX, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1361, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA [non]. 5910, Radio Rep˙blica (via Site??), mayo 29, 0255 UT, 333, paralelo a 6100 kHz pero con un retraso de 10 segundos + o - entre frecuencias. No hay seÒal de Marfil EstÈreo.

6100, Radio Rep˙blica (via Rampisham, UK), mayo 29, 0259-0300* UT, 444, ver 5910, justo a las 0300 UT quedÛ en silencio; supuestamente la programaciÛn no era hasta las 0400 UT ??? (Yimber Gaviria, Cali, Colombia, Rx. Sony 7600G, Antena: AN61, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yes, it was, and 5910 via Germany was supposedly a separate playout not // UK. Interesting that you found them // but offset by 10 seconds. See also my jamming report above (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** EGYPT [and non]. On any evening DXpedition in the park, one must check for the CVC Chile mixing products on 12275 and 11360, from the Spanish frequencies 11665 and 11970 leapfrogging each other. May 29 at 0110, however, those mixes were not audible; the fundamentals were of good strength but not overpowering as on previous occasion, so perhaps not strong enough to bring along the mixes with them, assuming CVC has done nothing to suppress them --- if they have, they have not notified me.

However, looking for 12275 led me to find something just as interesting on 12270 at 0131: a weak signal with poor audio cutting in and out, Spanish? Then checked 6135 and found the same thing, with breaks for music at same time as I switched back and forth on single DX-398 receiver, but could not be absolutely positive the two were parallel. My first guess was Romania, but I made it to the home rigs before 0200 and checked again; At 0157, 6135 was // 7270 in Spanish with better audio, so Radio Cairo as scheduled, but an echo apart. 6135 stayed on past 0200 for timesignal and theme, finally cut off at 0201:30 as 7270 continued to introduce English to North America with program summary in local time of UT+3 concluding at 6:30 am. The summary was at times drowned out by the `background` music, a very

familiar theme which I think came from 48 Hours or an early Eddie Murphy movie. This was followed by a rap piece based on Super-Freak, both of which are to say the least unIslamic if not unEgyptian. There was another timesignal preceding the 0215 news, and I noticed it was about 9 seconds slow! I also tried 9360 before 0200, where there was a fairly good carrier, but could not hear any audio to match.

6135 is scheduled from R. Cairo only for the Spanish broadcast to Central America at 0045-0200, from the Abis site;
7270 is for both the 0045-0200 Spanish, and 0200-0330 English, also from the Abis site, per EiBi; so why the echo? I thought that would indicate one of them was from Abu Zaabal.

Would harmonic 12270 be propagating at this late hour? Yes: 12050 fundamental in Arabic was putting in a strong signal at 0131 but awfully distorted as usual (Glenn Hauser, MLPDX, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1361, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** FINLAND. SWR 1-2 June transmission - POWER TESTS - Dear listeners, Regular monthly 24 hours transmission of Scandinavian Weekend Radio is starting again 1st of June 2007 at 21 hours UT. We are going to transmit tests whole day long with our ITT transmitter and power at 400 watts on MW 1602 kHz. If all goes as planned we might also have more powerful transmitter in use also on 25 mb (up to max. 500 watts).

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00-02
02-07 Open Studio - SWR Crew
07-09 Crazy Mad Morning. Guaranteed high quality of Strange and Hot Music and Interesting Speech items of DJ Madman.
09-10 Huomenta - Good Morning Virrat by Dj H?k?
10-11 Proge-aamu by Esa
11-12
12-13 12.00 Hukala.net News
12.05 Virrat T?n??n - Virrat Today dj H?k?
13-14 World Radio Roulette by DJ Madman. Latest DX Radio News and MadSummer 2007 Contest. Listen and take part.
14-15 14.00 Hukala.net News

14.05
15-17
17-18 Matkalla -matkailuohjelma. Osa V by H?k?
18-19 Kantoaaltoa Suomirokilla h?ystettyn? by Esa
19-20
20-21
21-22 Saunan l?mmitys - Warming up the sauna by Dj H?k?
22-23
23-24 Closing seremony by Dj H?k?

SCANDINAVIAN*WEEKEND******RADIO**********
Time - and frequency schedule A-07

MW 1602 kHz: Fri 21-Sat 21 UT

48 mb:
Fri-Sat 21-16 UT 6170 kHz
Sat 16-18 UT 5980 kHz
Sat 18-21 UT 6170 kHz

25 mb:
Fri 21-22 UT 11720 kHz
Fri-Sat 22-07 UT 11690 kHz
Sat 07-13 UT 11720 kHz
Sat 13-16 UT 11690 kHz
Sat 16-18 UT 11720 kHz
Sat 18-21 UT 11690 kHz

Best greetings, (Alpo Heinonen, Rovaniemi, Finland
http://personal.inet.fi/koti/alpo.heinonen/
NRD 525, "A weak voice from the Finnish Arctic Circle", May 28, WORLD OF RADIO 1361, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** FRANCE. English Radio in Paris --- Hi all, The decision to ban English speaking stations from Paris FM dial is indeed stupid, to say the least. Especially when Portuguese, Armenian and Arabic are allowed!! The crowded FM band is ripe with jukebox and commercial radios, most of them having no interest except for a brainwashed juvenile audience; there were many opportunities to close some of these din-boxes and allocate at least one frequency for the tourist community in and around Paris. How despairing can my country be sometimes! Cheers de (Patrice Privat, France, May 27, mwdx yg via DXLD)

Are there French language stations in London? No!! So why should there be an English-language station in Paris! (RÈmy Friess, France, ibid.)

Hi Remy! Are you a friend of new ZAR Zarkosy ???? cheers (Dario

Monferini, Italy, ibid.)

But there are English language stations in Germany while there is no German language station in the UK. The point is, if there's a need for such a station then let the market decide. And not a tiny group of "elite" (dictators) who have their own agenda that often is not in our (people`s) interest (Jurgen Bartels, Germany, ibid.)

In London it does come down to demand for different languages. In London I believe over 200 languages are spoken!

On legal stations you will hear:
Tamil
Punjabi
Urdu
Russian
Chinese
Gujarati
Greek
Turkish

and on the pirates from time to time you'll hear other languages e. g. Polish, Jamaican, various African languages (e.g from Somalia, Ghana, etc.) But I think Remy is correct - no French :-) 73s (Steve Whitt, UK, ibid.)

In the USA I don't hear any French language stations here locally but hear plenty from Canada and I'm sure there are some in the major cities. 73 (Bob Young, Millbury, MA, KB1OKL, ibid.)

It is never in our interest to have another instance of Anglo-American cultural imperialism on the airwaves. The fewer English language stations there are in the world, the better! I'm glad the CSA do not want English stations in Paris and I wholeheartedly support their decision. And to tell you the truth, I can't understand why the German government never chucked AFN and the likes out of the country (RÈmy Friess, ibid.) Who has a German name and writes in English. See also SOUTH AFRICA (gh)

** GABON. 7270, R. Gabon, Melen, 1025-..., 26 May, vernacular (tentatively), talks; 15341; I couldn't observe it until approx. noon, by which time there was no trace of them; also 27 May at 1000 when in French and just a tiny better signal (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GABON. 17669.8, 1504, EMISORA AFROPOP, Moyabi, Portadora; a 1504 comienza m˙sica, 27/05 FrancÈs, 45444 (Tom·s MÈndez, Spain, playdx yg via DXLD)

Afropop music distraxion, 17660 was coming in better than usual, one of the strongest signals on band, with little from NAm, not even WYFR, and nothing from Europe, May 29 at 1406 check; Africa NumÈro Un was almost as good on 17630 in French. So I looked for the ANU harmonic on 19160, but not there, unless a trace of a carrier was it (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY [non]. May 29 at 1400, Russian on 15420. At first I thought it must be WRNO, back at last (ha, ha, ha), but it was DW as scheduled now via Rampisham. Strange thing is, per HFCC, BBC is also still scheduled at same hour via Seychelles, but unheard. DW was // 15700, also listed as Rampisham, but how come 15420 was running about two seconds behind 15700? The latter also had a SAH at first, probably Bulgaria late turning off Plovdiv (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUINEA. 7125, R. GuinÈe/R. Conakry, Sonfonya, 1030-1250, 26 May, Vernacular, talks,..., French at 1200 when rated 33332 due to adj. QRM; 25421 (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, WORLD OF RADIO 1361, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUINEA. GUINEA WIDENS MEDIA FREEDOM WITH MORE RADIO STATIONS
28 May 2007, Conakry, Reuters

Guinea will grant broadcasting licences to more than a dozen private radio stations this year in a widening of media freedom in the West African country, the government said on Monday.

The move follows the ending of a state broadcasting monopoly last year. It was taken at a four-day government seminar held by Prime Minister Lansana Kouyate to chart policies to haul Guinea out of political and economic crisis. . .
http://africa.reuters.com/wire/news/usnL28393516.html
(via Mike Terry, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1361, DXLD)

** INDIA. AIR TO TURN DIGITAL FOR WORLD AUDIENCE [DRM]

Listening to old melodies of KL Sehgal or latest tunes from Himmesh Reshammiya would now be possible in far west United States or on the interior of Indo-China border. In a quality better than FM radio. It will all happen with All India Radio (AIR) planning to go digital. "We have started a pilot project to provide digital signals to radio audience in the country. The quality would be as clear as playing music at your home," said Brajeshwar Singh, Director-General AIR.

The digital service will be available through internet via webcasting and as radio signal till a distance of 20,000 kilometres in a crystal

clear sound. But the biggest stumbling block for the masses to listen to fine quality radio transmission is the high cost digital radio sets. Each set costs about Rs 12,000. But, Singh expects the price to go down once the use of radio digital signal improves.

Till, the technology becomes popular the AIR will provide the signal in both analog and digital mode. This will mean that there will be a signal for conventional radio sets along with one for digital radio sets. Once the transition from analog to digital is complete, the analog signal will not be available. "It will take seven to eight years," Singh said.

AIR on Thursday conducted a presentation for Information and Broadcasting ministry secretary A Swarup on digital phase of AIR. The pilot project started from a transmission station near Delhi University is first of its kind in the country.

"Although 38 countries in the world has used digital mode for external transmission, India would be the first country to use the technology for national transmission," AS Guin, Engineer-in- Chief of AIR. The cost of converting entire AIR network on digital is high but the government expects to get approval of Planning Commission for this futuristic project soon.

Under the pilot project, Delhi radio station is available on digital mode as well as analog mode. "We have divided the bandwidth into two channels. One part is digital and other is analog. People who want to listen to better quality sound can opt for the digital signal" an AIR official said (from http://www.hindustantimes.com/ via Mukesh Kumar, The Cosmos Club, Muzaffarpur, INDIA, and also via Jaisakthivel, Chennai-600106, India, DXLD)

Boy, have they been snowed by the DRMists. AIR can`t even put a reliable analog signal out to 20 megameters, halfway around the world, e.g. North America which is less than that; and doesn`t even try as far as official target areas where the Western Hemisphere is not on their map. So how are they going to make it ``crystal-clear`` with DRM? Not without relay stations, they won`t, and they have never in history even attempted to use SW relays abroad, unlike countless other international broadcasters who in effect now have a worldwide network at their disposal and may use close one-hop transmitter sites from the targets if they wish to. Furthermore, altho there is a hybrid DRM/analog mode available for SW, no one is using it. It`s one or the other, and there must be a reason for that (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I don't know which of the modes listed by DRM have been fully tested. To get quality better than FM radio you would need DRM in 18/20 khz

bandwidth, 9/10 kHz is not as good as FM. I'd assumed that the AIR mediumwave simulcast tests were using a 20 kHz bandwidth though there is a 30 kHz bandwidth one listed, 20 kHz DRM and 10 kHz AM, can countries in Region 3 use 30 kHz bandwidth on AM?
http://www.drm.org/broadcastmanual/summarytable2.php
(Mike Barraclough, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA. 9524.96, VOI, 1005, 5/2807. Thai switching to Chinese after 1030. Usual excellent signal; off frequency (George Herr, CA, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

9525, Voice of Indonesia, 1320, 5/28/07. Fair with man speaking in Indonesian; Jakarta ID at 1327 and into gamelan music (Jim Ronda, OK, ibid.)

Not heard here May 28 or 29 during this hour; maybe my local noise level too high (gh, OK, DXLD) See LIBERIA [non]

** INTERNATIONAL. INTERNATIONAL MUSEUMS WEEKEND

The International Museums Weekend takes place in three weeks time on the 16th and 17th of June. This amateur radio special event has grown in popularity since the first event was held in 2002. Among past participants are The Tower of London, HMS Belfast and the US battleship New Jersey.

The Howth Martello Radio Group will be participating again this year, operating from the Vintage Radio Museum in Howth, Co. Dublin. Visitors are welcome to call and operate the station over the weekend.

The museum web site is http://www.qsl.net/ei5em/museum.html

A full list of participating museums and further information of the event is available from the organiser's web site
http://www.ukradioamateur.co.uk/imw/
(via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

** INTERNATIONAL VACUUM. XM Plans Radio Re-Creation Of D-Day --- On 6/6, DC-based XM Satellite Radio's 1940's channel, The 40s (XM-4), will re-create radio's coverage of the infamous D-Day invasion of the Normandy coast of France. Beginning with the first bulletin from that morning, which aired at 12:41 AM (ET), XM will air in real-time NBC's original radio news bulletins of the invasion (currently housed in the National Archives) as heard by radio listeners nearly 63 years ago. The special will be based on the original NBC broadcast schedule, which is cataloged in the Library Of Congress, and will conclude at 5:45 PM on 6/7. The marathon will also feature music of the era as well original archival reports from radio commentators, including H.

V. Kaltenborn, Merrill Mueller, and the other members of NBC's news staff... (from a DC area media blog 5/29 via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

** IRAN. VOIRI 15085 at 1822 in German. French at 1830. Fair, severe QRN. 28 May (Liz Cameron, Metro Detroit, MI, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** JAPAN. Russian on 11970 at 1849 May 28, fair signal, would have to be NHK Warido, direct from Japan and far, far, offbeam here; also had them at 1855 in Japanese on 9835 but much weaker on the Hawaiian/South American service (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KALININGRAD. Re 7-062, Kalininrad/Bolshakovo
http://kaliningrad.rtrn.ru/materials.asp?view=6223

Second picture in both row each: Kaliningrad mediumwave site; third picture in bottom row: UKVR-1 FM/TV site, left to it TV repeater site 2; right one picture in bottom row detail of Bolshakovo branch 2 (= shortwave site); others Bolshakovo mediumwave antennas.

They have also an interesting chronicle online; some excerpts:

Kaliningrad radiotransmission station of second class has been established by the communications ministry of the USSR on Nov 20 1947 with order number 497, to launch operations with transmitter number RV-129.

1954: Installation of 135 kW transmitter RV-143, made by Hungarian Elektroimpex company [presumably start of foreign service transmissions on 1385].

1955: 3/2.5 kW ch. 4 TV transmitter installed in accommodation building of radio centre, related 74 metres tall west tower built.

1957: Kaliningrad TV station started testing, launched regular service on Aug 7 1958.

1962: Tesla SRV-30 mediumwave transmitter installed, RV-144 designator.

1965: Transmitter site UKVR-2 established at Veselovka (Chernyakhovsk region), 151 m tall tower, Igla 5/1.5 kW transmitter for ch. 7 and two FM transmitters (Radio-1 and Mayak).

1968: UKVR-1 site gets new Yakor 5/1.5 kW transmitter for Kaliningrad city TV program.

1969: RV-129 transmitter, used for Mayak, replaced by 20 kW Tesla

transmitter.

1974: Zona transmitter for 2nd TV program installed at Veselovka. Communications ministry of the USSR orders the establishment of radio station No. 1 at Bolshakovo, equipped with Taifun transmitter, consisting of two 500 kW blocks and carrying Radio-1 on 173.

1975: Branch 2 of Bolshakovo station for shortwave transmissions went on air. 2 x 20 kW Tesla transmitters for Radio Rossii installed at SVR-1 station (i.e. existing mediumwave site).

1979: By order of communications ministry radio station No. 1 has been renamed Radiocentre 5 and transferred into the responsibility of the Soviet centre for radio transmission and radio services No. 2 at Leningrad [what was during the nineties widely known as GPR-2].

1980 to 1986: Radiocentre 5 modernized and additional equipment installed, enabling it to transmit on mediumwave and to expand its shortwave services [recollections of 1386 getting much stronger and 1215 popping up during these years, anyone?].

1988: In connection with receiving the decision to stop the silencing of foreign radiostations on Nov 30 1988, made by leading organs on Nov 25 1988, 30 shortwave transmitters were dismantled at Kaliningrad Radiocentre. As a result 45 employees had to be fired. [This is an attempt to preserve at least a little bit of the original's subtleties.]

1990: TV repeater built at Sovetsk by own staff of Kaliningrad Radiocentre.

1991/1992: Moskva model satellite reception station built [believed to be the first satellite feed of Radio Moscow foreign service to a transmitter site].

Early nineties: Installation of FM transmitters for Baltik Plyus, Evropa Plyus, Russkoye Radio, Nashe Radio, Radio Massiv, Balt FM, Tilsitskaya Volna, Radio na semi kholmakh, Kanal Melodiya-Kaliningrad; UHF TV transmitters for Kaskad, Ren TV, Mus TV, Kultura, Dyuniy, TVZ.

1998: TV repeater station No. 1 at Sovetsk prepared for Telekanal Rossiy, TVZ, Kultura and FM radio station Radio Massiv.

Oct 21 1999: Transmitter RV-144, on air since 1962, ceased transmissions on 1116 [which nowadays is on air from Bolshakovo].

Reorganization measures took place in 1998 and 2001. General director

of RTRS decided on Aug 26 2003 to transfer Radiocentre 5 into the responsibility of Kaliningrad regional centre (Kai Ludwig, Germany, May 29, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KASHMIR. INDIA: AIR SRINAGAR 4950 QSL full data in 77 Days send audio tape NO IRC V/s : Y.K. Sharma. Address : All India Radio (Spectrum Management & Synergy) Akashvani Bhawan Sansad Marg 110001 New Delhi India (Massimo Rossi, Italy, via Dario Monferini, PlayDX, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KURDISTAN [non]. Re 7-060: ``V. of Mesopotamia, with (presumed) Mesopotamian music, May 22 at 1350, but at first the vocal music audio was cutting on and off; carrier off promptly at 1400* after a couple minutes of dead air already (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)``

WTFK?? 11530! Please do not hesitate to ask ME ``WTFK??`` if you notice I omit one, but usually as in this case, no one notices or cares until I go over my reports again to compile WORLD OF RADIO or my MONITORING TIMES column (Glenn Hauser, May 29, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LIBERIA. 5470, R. Veritas, Monrovia, 1909-1924, 26 May, English, newscast, ID, program announcements; 54333, utility QRM (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Is this on in the mornings? Seldom reported from NAm (gh, DXLD)

** LIBERIA [non]. 9525, STAR Radio, 0733-0800* May 28, seemed to only be STAR Radio programming and not Cotton Tree News (CTN). Poor, due to QRM from the return of VOI, with their continual music & ID loop. They had been up on 11785 for about the past three weeks. Even if CTN can solve their technical difficulties, it will make for challenging reception now that VOI is also here. At 0800 VOI started their English segment. IDs "This is the Voice of Indonesia, Jakarta" (Ron Howard, Monterey, CA, EtÛn E5, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1361, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LIBYA [non]. 17870.0, 1528, Francia, VOICE OF AFRICA, Issoudun ID + Noticias, 27/05, InglÈs, 45333 (Tom·s MÈndez, Spain, playdx yg via DXLD) A Sunday so no QRDRM de 17870-17875-17880 GUF TDF. Or, LIBYA [non non] (gh)

** LIBYA [and non]. 17625, Voice of ¡frica, 1315-1320, escuchada el 28 de mayo en ·rabe a locutor con noticias, ID ìIdahat al Jamaeriya al Ouzmaî; se aprecia otra emisora en ·rabe, probablemente Sawt al-Amal, SINPO 53433 (JosÈ Miguel Romero, Burjasot (Valencia), EspaÒa, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LIBYA [and non]. Voz de ¡frica con dos emisiones en paralel o contra Sawt al-Amal --- Saludos cordiales. 17635//17640 Voice of

¡frica, 1320-1326, escuchada el 29 de Mayo en ·rabe a locutor con comentarios, locutor presentando espacio con m˙sica de fondo, segmento musical. Se aprecia de fondo interferencia de otra emisora en ·rabe, probablemente Sawt al-Amal; a las 1322 cesa emisiÛn en 17635 y pasa a 17645 en paralelo por 17640, la emisora afro-pop en 17660, SINPO 53443 (JosÈ Miguel Romero, Burjasot (Valencia), EspaÒa, ibid.)

The situation was a little different when I tuned to 16m at about 1345. Today (May 29) there is no sporadic E ---
17600 LBY in Swahili peaking to S6 // 17725 which was only about S1+.
17620 RFI peaking to only S1+
17625 CRI via Chile peaking to S8+
17630 Africa #1 peaking to S8
17635 Amal peaking to S9 (yes 17635.00)
17640 LBY (via ISS?) S1+ // 17645
17645 LBY (via ISS?) S1+
17650 WHRA peaking to S9
17660 GAB Afro-pops S9+10dB

The Afro-pops continued past 1400, and co-channel with Saudi, while LBY 17600 changed fairly promptly at 1400 to 17870. Maybe Africa #1 17630 didn't go off air today as it has been doing lately? 73 (Noel R. Green, (NW England), ibid.)

** MALDIVE ISLANDS [and non]. Minivan Radio's editor says agreement required to get FM license is incompatible with independence, and says station might return to shortwave. Minivan News, 27 May 2007. Posted: 29 May 2007 (kimandrewelliott.com via WORLD OF RADIO 1361, DXLD) Viz.:

WHAT NEXT FOR MINIVAN RADIO?
By Ajay Makan May 27, 2007
http://www.minivannews.com/news/news.php?id=3290

Last week pioneering opposition radio station Minivan Radio failed to secure a frequency to broadcast in the Maldives, leading local media, including ourselves, to question its viability.

Reflecting on the failed frequency bid, the radioís editor Shaheeda Fathimath tells MN there are no plans to close the station.

She robustly defends the stationís independence, distancing it from both Minivan Daily and Minivan News, and controversially calls for the other organisations to change their names.

And she admits Minivan Radio would sign the Information Ministryís Agreement to secure broadcasting in the Maldives.

Futureís Bright

ìMinivan Radioís future is very, very bright. We will not stop,î Shaheeda says emphatically.

ìThere are many options to continue,î she argues, pointing out the one hour daily broadcasts are still available to download from the internet.

Until now Minivan Radio has been the only alternative to government broadcaster Voice of Maldives. But after last weekís distribution of FM frequencies, a number of competitors will be broadcasting on FM twenty-four hours a day.

ìEven if they have an alternative people will go for Minivan Radio," Shaheeda says. "The people have accepted Minivan Radio. It is the peopleís radio. They trust it.î

Shaheeda lists Short Wave broadcasts and selling content to other stations as possible revenue raising options. But it is clear she still sees FM broadcasting as the way forward. ìTAM have said they have more reserved frequencies. We can always ask them again.î

Credibility

To begin broadcasting, companies must sign an agreement with the Information Ministry, which will regulate radio. Shaheeda argues the agreement is incompatible with independence.

ìI donít believe in the Agreement. I donít believe in the Content Committee [the body established by the Agreement to regulate content]. I donít believe in the Minister selecting eight members for the Content Committee. If thatís the case its not fair.î

ìWe cannot have an independent media unless we have it on [the governmentís] terms, and this is not democracy," she says. ìIf someone abides by this Agreement, they cannot be independent."

No Choice

Last week Shaheeda criticised the distribution of frequencies by blind auction. ìI have already proved I can run a radio. I have been doing this for three years,î she said. ìBut these frequencies are for the rich. They donít care as long as they can get money out of this. It is a commercial venture.î

But beyond the rhetoric, Shaheeda accepts the commercialisation of radio and agrees, ìin some ways it is a positive development.î

ìIím not criticising commercial broadcasters. I donít have anything against them. I am for them and I am with them. If I had money to compete with them, I would.î

The problem for Shaheeda is not that frequencies were sold commercially, but that broadcasters will have to sign the Information Ministry Agreement.

But she says broadcasters have no choice, and Minivan Radio too would sign the agreement if they had won a frequency.

ìI would sign an agreement. I have no choice. It means I will be more like the state media. I will have to make compromises.î

ìThis is the hard part," she laments. "There are a lot of people who call me and tell me not to sign an agreement, but it is the only way. And if I sign it, that means I have to abide by it.î

Independence

Minivan Radio has often been accused of being anti-government, a charge which Shaheeda emphatically denies.

ìWe give the people the news. We try to get the whole angle on it. This includes the government. We try. Everytime we try. But they donít cooperate and they donít give us information.î

Although Shaheeda will not reveal the names of Minivan Radioís funders as ìthey would get hurt,î she says funders have never interfered with editorial.

ìIf someone wants to help Minivan Radio, I say there can be no conditions. I tell them even if you call me once and ask me to change something, I will quit.î

Which Minivan

Shaheeda wants to distance Minivan Radio from Minvan Daily and Minivan News. ìAll the time people think that Minivan Radio and Minivan Daily are together. But we donít have the same editorial policy, we donít have the same management, we are independent.î

But with all three organisations operating from the same premises and sharing the same name, Shaheeda admits it is hard to establish any distance.

ìI have tried many times to change the premises. I have asked many people to give me an apartment but they are quoting so much more than

I pay that I canít.î

And she says the other two organisations should not have taken on the Minivan name. ìI am the one who started Minivan. First came Minivan Radio three years ago, then Minivan News and then Minivan Daily. I donít know how and I donít know why Minivan Daily got my logo. I have a problem with that.î

ìI wish Minivan Daily would change their name. I wish Minivan News would change their name. I am not asking them to, but I wish it would happen.î (via WORLD OF RADIO 1361, DXLD)

** MALI. 4835.4, R. Mali, Kati, 1912-1928, 26 May, weekly Sat 1905-1920 English program, Malian songs at 1920; 55333, but weak audio; \\ 5995 fair~good (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MONACO. Re 7-062: It was NOT a China Radio International test. Last week, Monte Carlo Radiodiffusion made tests for 2 days from Col de la Madone on 702 kHZ. I phoned to MCR offices in Monaco, and they told me the reason why Chinese music was played: one of the technicians got this record, and as he enjoyed it, he decided to play it on the air !!! Regards from France, (Christian Ghibaudo, Nice, France, WORLD OF RADIO 1361, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MOROCCO. 1079.92, RTM-"R"? -"Q", site?, 1240-1452, 26 May, Arabic, talks, songs,..., prayer at 1445; it is NOT, after all, a harmonic of 540 kHz, and by the sort of program content, it may well be the Kor`an network, not some regional station. QRM free day time reception until Spain is audible, i.e. by late afternoon (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NEW ZEALAND. Was hoping to hear RNZI's Mailbox show at 0830 [Monday] 5/28, but instead heard a repeat of Dateline Pacific which was aired earlier at 0705 -- did anyone else note this error? (Joe Hanlon, NJ, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NICARAGUA. TELESUR TO BROADCAST FREE-TO-AIR IN NICARAGUA

Telesur will begin free-to-air broadcasting in Nicaragua by the end of the year, Sergio RodrÌguez, Telesur international affairs consultant announced yesterday. RodrÌguez said they are presently analyzing whether Nicaraguan Channel 4 will carry Telesur broadcasts, but did not rule out rescuing Channel 6, a state TV channel abandoned by previous governments.

When the decision is made, probably by next month, they will work on selection and training of local staff and installation of equipment, RodrÌguez said. Telesur is occasionally broadcast through cable

satellite signal in Nicaragua.

Telesur, a joint network project of Venezuela, Cuba, Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay and recently, Bolivia, was created to boost the process of integration of communication among the Latin American countries and providing truthful information of the Latin American region to the rest of the world. Nicaragua is a minority shareholder of Telesur since March 11, when Presidents Daniel Ortega and Hugo Ch·vez signed the corresponding document.

(Source: Prensa Latina [Cuban government agency])(May 29th, 2007 - 15:56 UTC by Andy, Media Network blog via DXLD)

** NIGER. 9705, La Voix du Sahel, 2249-2301*, 5/22/07. Man talking in French followed by another man with Qu'ran recitation. Announcer returned at 2259 with ID and closedown announcements followed by orchestra National Anthem. Poor to fair (Rich D'Angelo, PA, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

** NIGERIA. 4770, R. Nigeria, Kaduna, 1645-1704, 26 May, Vernacular, talks; 25332; then 2125-..., English, talks; 55343 but strong distorted spurs 16.1 kHz to either side of 4770. [ergo, 4786.1 and 4753.9]

6089.8, R. Nigeria, Kaduna, 2215-2227, 26 May, Vernacular, talks, songs; 54433, adjacent DRM QRM.

9690, V. of Nigeria, Ikorodu, 1420-1444, 27 May, English, children's 15 minute weekly program (Suns.), "Visitor's (?) Heritage" program followed; 54544, QRM de India (tentative). (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. WBBZ, 1230, Ponca City, is still IDing as ``AM stereo``, as heard 0121 UT May 29 (Glenn Hauser, MLPDX, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAKISTAN. Hola: Algunas escuchas realizadas esta tarde. A reseÒar la pÈsima calidad de la emisiÛn de R Pakistan: 11570.0, 1559, R. PAKISTAN, Islamabad, Si+ts+Nx OM talk (horrible audio), 27/05 InglÈs, 25222. Saludos cordiales, (Tom·s MÈndez, Spain, playdx yg via DXLD) I suppose Si = interval signal, ts = timesignal

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA [non]. Re 7-060: Hi Glenn, Was checking 7325, May 28, from tune-in at 1028 to sign-off with no announcements at 1030*. Not much time to listen, but believe was in French, with a radio-drama. No ID noted. Checked the RFI website -- http://www.rfi.fr/actucn/articles/062/article_39.asp -- and found their 3rd broadcast listed here in Chinese from 17:30 to 18:30 Beijing

Time (0930-1030 UT), but don't think it was Chinese I heard. Seems this will not help Wantok Radio Light (Ron Howard, Monterey, CA, EtÛn E5, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1361, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Where is Wantok? Monitored 7325 at 1000 UT 27 May and there was definitely Chinese language broadcast there. Down on 7120 China was dominating the channel. Wantok Radio Light was usually reliable here in past so perhaps they are already off in anticipation of the frequency change (Bryan Clark, Mangawhai NZ, AOR7030+), UT May 29, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SIERRA LEONE [non]. 9525, ASCENSION ISLAND. Star Radio, 0723-0800, 5/22/07. Messages from Liberians seeking assistance to close of program at 0729. After a three minute break I was expecting Cotton Tree News to open but the Star Radio broadcast was repeated with several IDs, News and Liberia Today program followed by the message program which was terminated mid-message at 0800. Fair (Rich D'Angelo, PA, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

9525, ASCENSION ISLAND. Cotton Tree News, 0700 ≠ 0800, 5/25/07. Cotton Tree News, is having technical problems. I heard Star Radio ("Liberia") to 0730 close, then dead air to 0733 when Star began repeating the 0700 program with the Star Radio 0700 opening ID. The carrier was cut in mid-program at 0800. There was no sign of CTN (Jerry Berg, MA, ibid.) see also LIBERIA [non]

** SOUTH AFRICA. Re: English Radio in Paris, FRANCE, 7-062 and above: Patrice, I sympathise with you as much the same situation occurs here in South Africa.

BBC would love to have an FM transmitter in our two major cities of Johannesburg and Cape Town, but they have been refused. They also applied for an AM MW frequency but were turned down for that as well. Yet the anomaly is that they were granted licences to broadcast on shortwave and the BBC is easily heard throughout the day, but the government know very few people own shortwave radios in this country.

Various other potential broadcasters have also applied for FM or AM MW licenses but are turned down - ethnic groups such as the Afrikaners and religious stations. A form of censorship in a supposedly free country (John Plimmer, Montagu, Western Cape Province, South Africa, http://www.dxing.info/about/dxers/plimmer.Dx mwdx yg via DXLD)

** SRI LANKA. 16 m band before sunrise: 5/28: Heard DW in Dari before closing at 0900 on 17705 from Sri Lanka site; fair signal. But DW at 09 in EG via same site couldn't be heard, different beam on that broadcast than on the 17705 Dari xmsn (Joe Hanlon, NJ, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SUDAN [non]. See CHAD

** SYRIA. 12085: For the first time in at least 12 months the signal from Damascus Adra is no longer carrying seemingly empty carrier but is today giving readable audio. I heard English at 2101 with 44444 with an OM reading news mentioning Assad. 73's (Dan Goldfarb, Brentwood, England, May 29, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yes Dan, but this goes irregular and from one time to another. Based on your posting, I'm checking at 2300, and in effect there's a more readable audio, but carrier overcomes audio in a 70/30 ratio. The engineers at Damascus must be living in another world. 73 (Ra˙l Saavedra, Costa Rica, ibid.)

** TAIWAN. Re 7-062, UNIDENTIFIED 9735: Dear OM, The Japanese Service of R. Taiwan International test changed on 9735 kHz (ex 11605) at 1100-1200 from May 27. And test broadcast of music at 1200-1300 on same frequency (S. Hasegawa, NDXC, May 28, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Aoki list now dated May 28 shows:
9735 R.TAIWAN INT. 1100-1200 1234567 Japanese 250 45 Tainan TWN
9735 R.TAIWAN INT. 1200-1300 1234567 Music   250 45 Tainan TWN
9735 R.TAIWAN INT. 1300-1400 1234567 Japanese 250 45 Tainan TWN
[all:] 12010E2303 RTI a07 May 27

So the frequency-varying warble jamming(?) I previously heard on 9735 apparently has nothing to do with this.

I was monitoring 9735 May 28 from 1325 tune-in; poor signal with YL talking continuously; from the cadence and occasional recognizable word, I decided it was Japanese rather than Korean; 1329 brief musical break, and more of same; 1339 a bit of music and then two lower-pitched voices speaking, but fading into the noise; recheck at 1359 found no carrier, and nothing else on frequency audible at 1400 either.

Then I checked e-mail and found that Ron Howard had IDed it as R. Taiwan International, // 7129.9; and Sei-ichi Hasegawa of NDXC explains that RTI is testing this frequency instead of 11605 at 11-14 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9735, RTI, 1257-1324 May 28, not present at 1033 check. Seemed to be in Japanese, gives RTI website, ToH had some Chinese (clear "RTI" IDs), back to Japanese (?), after ToH checked 7129.9 and was indeed parallel. Good signal and no other station noted here, no warble (Ron Howard, Monterey, CA, RX340 + T2FD antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Now RTI: Here`s the log for today (5/28/07): 9735, 1101 sign-on with YL announcement, YL / OM alternating talk, 1129 extended fanfare, 1140 musical bridge, announcement, OM talk and music. Traditional fade down at ToH to inaudibility, it came back at 1204 and by 1216 had traditional sounding music. Fade-out and gone by 1238. SINPO 24322. Thanks for the ID, Ron (Mark Taylor, WI, ibid.)

Dear OM, 9735 kHz was addition. Now broadcast at 1100-1200 on 11605, 7130 and 9735. 1300-1400 on 9635, 7130 and 9735 (S. Hasegawa NDXC, May 29, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAIWAN [non]. Mandarin heard on 17750 after 1900. Up to approx 2000 tonight there seemed to be an exceptionally high MUF. Reception was similar to the hour before serving Okeechobee to Europe in Italian. English heard from 2000. I cannot find any use of this transmitter carrying Radio Taiwan International at 1900. Any ideas? 73's (Dan Goldfarb, Brentwood, England, May 28, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Not RTI but CBS2, it seems, per today`s Aoki schedule:

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17750 FAMILY RADIO                1200-1645 1234567 English
100 285 Okeechobee         USA  8056W2727 WYFR a07
17750 FAMILY RADIO                1700-1800 1234567 German
100  44 Okeechobee         USA  8056W2727 WYFR a07
17750 FAMILY RADIO                1800-1900 1234567 Italian
100  44 Okeechobee         USA  8056W2727 WYFR a07

17750 CBS TAIWAN                  1900-2000 1234567 Chinese
100  44 Okeechobee         USA  8056W2727 CBS2 a07

17750 FAMILY RADIO                2000-2045 1234567 English
100  44 Okeechobee         USA  8056W2727 WYFR a07
17750 FAMILY RADIO                2300-2400 1234567 English
100 160 Okeechobee         USA  8056W2727 WYFR a07
17750 FAMILY RADIO                0000-0100 1234567 Portuguese
100 160 Okeechobee         USA  8056W2727 WYFR a07
17750 FAMILY RADIO                0100-0245 1234567 Spanish
100 160 Okeechobee         USA  8056W2727 WYFR a07
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(via gh, DXLD)

Glenn, that's only a question of interpretation. Was always CN2 of CBS program in past decade, but was always included/implemented under RTI[CBS4] program schedule.
17750 1700-2045 27 YFR 100kW 44deg USA YFR
also in 2005 and 2006 season. But both 15600 and 17750 kHz in 2001 to 2004. 73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, May 29, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** THAILAND. BBCWS in English, 17615, May 29 at 0029 with ID, lite flutter but listenable, but then cut off in mid-word at 0029:30. Transmission on this frequency is for only half an hour (minus half a minute). BBCWS English has more and more of these brief transmissions, in accordance with their hit-and-miss policy of SW coverage (Glenn Hauser, MLPDX, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TIBET. 7385 kHz, China Tibet People's Broadcasting Station, Lhasa f/d beautiful QSL card in mostly Chinese with scenic views of Tibet in 92 days for 2 IRCs and goodies. Address: 180 Beijing Zhonglu, Lhasa, Xizang 850000 China. Also listed website http://www.tibetradio.cn and e-mail address xzzbs2003 @ yahoo.com.cn on their card. Very pleased to verify this new radio country for me (Jim Pogue, Memphis, TN USA, May 29, HCDX via DXLD)

** TURKEY. VOT 9785 at 1830 sign-on, news in English. Extremely faint. 28 May (Liz Cameron, Metro Detroit, MI, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [non]. Re 7-062, 15105:

15105	1200-1258		DWL Indonesian via Trincomalee-CLN
	1400-1500	Tue-Sat	VoA Indonesian via Tinang-PHL
	1500-1600		VoA English via Briech-MRC

(Wolfgang B¸schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WRMI`s switch from 7385 to 9955 during the 0000 UT hour weeknights in order to broadcast La Voz de la FundaciÛn hasn`t happened yet; UT May 29 at 0038 still found English on 7385, which would be WRN carrying Slovakia; and also still at 0107 with preacher which would be Christian Media Network (Glenn Hauser, MLPDX, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. KJES heard in passing on May 28, at 1840 on 15385 when I was working on the 15380 het; and also May 29 at 0108 on 7555 with guitar and vocal hymn (Glenn Hauser, MLPDX, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Some sporadic-E was obviously happening, as WWCR 15825 was in well, but no activity on 15 meters. Nevertheless, I tried 10 meters and heard some SSB hams from Ohio and Minnesota, the latter working Austin TX, which I could not hear. Then at 1903 UT May 28, I found a beacon on 28284, E E E DE KC9GNK/B EN53. Googled him up and found this: http://www.freewebs.com/kc9gnkbeacon/ so QTH is Wisconsin Dells WI, and exact frequency 28283.6, 40 watts. Wants e-mail reports from anyone hearing it, but no e-mail address given (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. IBAC hiss from KFAB-1110 Omaha was blocking 1100, and KMOX-1120 St Louis, May 29 at 0121 check; and also at 0123 IBAC hiss from

WHO-1040 Des Moines was blocking whatever was on 1030 and 1050. However, by 0128 both had apparently been turned off, and e.g. XEG-1050 Monterrey was in the clear. No other IBAC signals were heard in a quick scan of the MW band, and KOA-840-850-860 had not yet infaded.

At 0122 I also found matching carriers on 1083 and 977 kHz, no audio detectable, but stronger than a nostalgia station on 1030, the likely fundamental halfway between, 53 kHz apart. Would really like to know which station is responsible. Around 0156 on the home rig, the spurs were gone (Glenn Hauser, MLPDX, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Here`s a daytimer which doesn`t skimp on its sign-off announcement, KJIM, 1500, Sherman TX. UT May 29 at 0114 said would be back at 6 am with CBS news, and ``best songs and memories of the radio``, then ``Thanks for the Memories`` but not the Bob Hope version. Nice reception at peaks. Played the song thru to end so did not pull plug until 0117* after ``Night, all``; also IDs as K-Jim (Glenn Hauser, MLPDX, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VENEZUELA. COMUNICADO DE RCTV A LA OPINI"N P/BLICA
http://www.rctv.net/Noticias/VerNoticia.aspx?Noticiaid=4250&CategoriaId=31

Radio Caracas TelevisiÛn hace un llamado a las autoridades nacionales y en particular al presidente Hugo Ch·vez FrÌas, para que reconsidere la decisiÛn de cerrar un canal que tiene 53 aÒos de historia, preferido por la mayorÌa de los venezolanos y del que dependen miles de familias. Se trata de una decisiÛn polÌtica, contraria a la ley, que atenta como ninguna otra contra los derechos humanos, la libertad de expresiÛn y el derecho al trabajo en Venezuela. AsÌ lo han reconocido m˙ltiples instancias internacionales.

Radio Caracas TelevisiÛn lamenta que la intimidaciÛn a que ha sido sometido el poder judicial en Venezuela no haya permitido que quienes administran justicia defendieran los derechos del pueblo venezolano, de todos nuestros trabajadores y de RCTV. Tenemos esperanza en que las instancias internacionales a las que hemos acudido en defensa de nuestros derechos, impartir·n la justicia que nos niegan las instancias nacionales.

No obstante que nos oponemos a esta medida arbitraria, que busca controlar uno de los canales independientes que quedan en Venezuela, informamos a la opiniÛn p˙blica que nuestros ingenieros se han reunido con los tÈcnicos del gobierno nacional con el objeto de cumplir la orden de salir del aire. Hemos informado al gobierno de la importancia de otorgar seguridad al personal del canal que a la medianoche del domingo, proceder· a desactivar los equipos de transmisiÛn propiedad de RCTV.

RCTV hace un llamado a los estudiantes, a los dirigentes polÌticos, a las organizaciones civiles y a todos los que apoyan de manera espont·nea la causa de la libertad de expresiÛn para que no caigan en provocaciones. La nuestra es una causa legÌtima por la libertad, basada en la no violencia, democr·tica y pacÌfica.

Por ˙ltimo, recordamos a las autoridades administrativas, civiles y militares, que est·n en plena vigencia las medidas de protecciÛn ordenadas por la corte interamericana de derechos humanos en favor de todo el personal de RCTV y sus instalaciones (via DXLD)

I left the web page up, which periodically was inaccessible, and finally the above item showed up at 0423 UT May 28, but that was after it was gone. Also their program grid, if that can be accessed, shows nothing starting May 28 in one version ``Si el gobierno nos cierra``, and a full schedule into June labeled ``si triunfa la libertad``: http://www.rctv.net/ImgContenido/ImagenesNoticias/GRID.jpg (gh, DXLD)

SE FUE RCTV --- EL LUGAR DEL CANAL LO OCUPAR¡ TEVES

A las 12:00 de la madrugada, puntualmente y luego de 53 aÒos de transmisiÛn ininterrumpida, Radio Caracas TelevisiÛn saliÛ del aire.

Teniendo como pre·mbulo una oraciÛn a Dios; como banda sonora, la pieza "Cuando un amigo se va" interpretada por la cantante venezolana Kiara y con im·genes que alternaban los pedazos de historia y el ambiente real en la planta, el canal se despidiÛ de sus televidentes.

Se cumpliÛ asÌ la medida anunciada por el presidente Hugo Ch·vez el 28 de diciembre de 2006, fecha en la que el jefe de Estado anticipÛ que no renovarÌa la concesiÛn al canal de televisiÛn privado. Dicha disposiciÛn fue ratificada posteriormente por la ComisiÛn Nacional de Telecomunicaciones, que sin embargo, anunciÛ el pasado s·bado la renovaciÛn a la licencia de VenevisiÛn.

Las esperanzas de Radio Caracas TelevisiÛn se mantuvieron latentes hasta el ˙ltimo momento, pero era poco lo que se podÌa hacer ante intentos infructuosos de que el Tribunal Supremo de Justicia anulase la medida de no renovaciÛn de la concesiÛn. Adicionalmente, en uno de los dict·menes emitidos por el m·ximo tribunal del paÌs, se ordenÛ a Conatel disponer de los equipos transmisores del canal.

Teves sustituir· a RCTV. El Gobierno considera que esta televisora de servicio p˙blico ser· la representante de una nueva etapa en la televisiÛn venezolana, en la que se democratizar· el espectro radioelÈctrico. Las riendas de esta nueva planta las asumiÛ la periodista Lil RodrÌguez.

Fuente:
http://www.el-nacional.com/Articulos/DetalleArticulo.asp?idSeccion=64&id=10493773' (via Dino Bloise, FL, dxldyg via DXLD)

A mÌ lo que me da por pensar, Dino, es si ese Tribunal Supremo de Justicia tiene un solo nombre que maneja a su antojo a una legiÛn de marionetas, que guardan forzoso silencio so pena de ser acallados ya sabemos como. De veras, bien lo dice el dicho "No hay peor ciego que el que no quiere ver" (Ra˙l Saavedra, Costa Rica, ibid.)

VENEZUELA TV SWITCH-OFF MET WITH MOURNING, CELEBRATION

Supporters and opponents of Venezuela's oldest private TV station, RCTV, took to the streets of Caracas on 27 May as the midnight deadline for the closure of the network's terrestrial broadcasts loomed.

Officials had refused to renew the licence of the broadcaster, which was championed by its supporters as an opposition voice, but accused by its detractors of aiming to topple President Hugo Ch·vez.

Police used a water cannon and tear gas to disperse thousands of stone-throwing RCTV supporters massed outside the telecommunications authority, Conatel, which had ordered the 53-year-old station off the air. In the east of the capital, police clashed with protesters who had set fire to piles of rubbish. Officials said some protesters had fired shots and said 11 officers had been injured.

There was a "siren-blaring for RCTV" two hours before the closure, with protesters banging pots and sounding car horns, El Universal daily reported.

Outside RCTV's headquarters, protesters chanted "no to the shutdown". After the station bowed out at the stroke of midnight with the national anthem and footage of tearful station staff, government supporters arrived to celebrate the switch-off. Shots were fired from passing cars and there were scenes of panic.

Ch·vez supporters held a midnight-to-dawn public party outside the studios. Earlier, government supporters had marched in the capital to proclaim support for RCTV's replacement, state-funded TVes. Their banners declared the new station to be "a signal of national talent" and "a social and participative TV station".

Blow to free speech

Some media rights organizations have portrayed the switch-off as a grave threat to free speech and democracy. Jose Miguel Vivanco from

US-based Human Rights Watch described the "politically-motivated" decision as a serious blow to freedom of expression. "President Hugo Ch·vez is misusing the state's regulatory authority to punish a media outlet for its criticism of the government," he said.

In an open letter to President Ch·vez, the New York-based Committee to Protect Journalists argued that the move set a "chilling" precedent: "The threat of losing access to the airwaves hangs over dozens of other television and radio stations whose licences have also come up for renewal, prompting some news outlets to pull back on critical programming."

Reporters Without Borders said the refusal to renew RCTV's licence was "an attack on the principle of pluralism".

Gonzalo MarroquÌn, part of the Miami-based Inter-American Press Association's (IAPA) delegation in Caracas, said the move curtailed access to information. "Only totalitarian regimes take this kind of move. Therefore, both the media and Venezuelan society are endangered."

The closure of the station's terrestrial signal has exercised web writers. Internet aggregator Global Voices said bloggers had mobilized for and against the move. One contributor, Kira Kariakin, argued via "Slave to the PC" that the closure threatened not only freedom of expression, but also "the right to dissent, to a fair trial, to a defence, to protest, to work, to own private property".

But Iria, writing on "Resteados", said "RCTV continues to be the channel that I stopped watching 12 years ago for ethical and aesthetic reasons... I am not with RCTV."

With observers anticipating the next twist in the saga of the president's relations with the pro-opposition media, communications expert Marcelino Bisbal told Argentina's La NaciÛn newspaper that, with its "atomized" political opposition, Venezuela was one of a number of Latin American states whose media had become political actors. "And the government seeks to punish this and to silence dissidents." Source: BBC Monitoring research 28 May 07 (via DXLD)

VENEZUELANS PROTEST CLOSURE OF TV STATION
Last Updated: Sunday, May 27, 2007 | 6:25 PM ET The Associated Press

Television personalities embraced, wept and broke into chants of "freedom" before cameras on Sunday as Venezuela's most widely watched channel prepared to go off the air following a decision by President Hugo Ch·vez that opponents called an assault on free speech.

Radio Caracas TelevisiÛn, the sole opposition-aligned TV station with nationwide reach, is being forced off the airwaves because Ch·vez has refused to renew its broadcast licence.

"We are living an injustice," said Eyla Adrian, a 35-year-old presenter, her eyes welling with tears. "I wish that tonight would never come."

Ch·vez said Saturday he was democratizing the airwaves by turning RCTV's signal over to a public service channel. "That television station became a threat to the country so I decided not to renew the licence because it's my responsibility, " Ch·vez said. More at:
http://www.cbc.ca/world/story/2007/05/27/venezuela-tv.html
(via Fred Waterer, ODXA via DXLD)

It`s not a threat to the country, it`s a threat to Ch·vez, who more and more is showing himself to be nothing more than a Marxist demagogue. Mark my words, he`ll stay in power until he come down with what Castro has, if he can get away with it, elections or not. L`Ètat, c`est lui! And having got away with this, now he`s going after radio stations, and no doubt any other TV stations who may dare to oppose him in the future (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

GOVN'T IS REVIEWING LEGAL FRAMEWORK OF LICENSES FOR PRIVATE RADIO STATIONS
http://english.eluniversal.com/2007/05/27/en_pol_art_govnt-is-reviewing_27A875717.shtml

Venezuelan Minister of Telecomunications and IT Jesse ChacÛn Sunday said the broadcast licenses for all of the AM radio stations operating in the country have expired and added that his office is currently reviewing the legal framework governing their broadcast licenses.

Regarding the role the news media should play, ChacÛn told private television Televen on Sunday that "the fact that the media are critical of the government is one thing, but using a public asset to encourage people to disregard the institutions is a whole different thing."

According to the official news agency ABN, ChacÛn made a call to witness the birth of newly created public service Venezuelan Social Television Station (TVes) early on May 28, "in a climate of calm, on open signal channel 2."

Channel 2 is the open signal channel currently in use by private television station RCTV, the broadcast license of which expires May 27 at midnight and which the Venezuelan government has refused to renew.

"It is impossible to revert the measure the Venezuelan State adopted not to renew the broadcast license to private TV channel RCTV, because the relevant administrative measure has been implemented."

He reminded that the move is in compliance with the Venezuelan Constitution and laws (El Universal via Mike Terry, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1361, DXLD)

Motivado a la situaciÛn presentada en Venezuela el dia de ayer con el cierre de Radio Caracas TelevisiÛn, estuve viendo la programaciÛn y me he olvidado de grabar el programa de Radio Habana Cuba. Espero me disculpen. La verdad es que el dÌa de ayer fue un dÌa triste cuando se apagaron los transmisores de RCTV por capricho de un imbecil, de un resentido social, de un loco, de un militarucho cobarde. Ojal· los otros locos que est·n gobernando en algunos paÌses de nuestra AmÈrica no se les ocurra lo mismo. Un abrazo para todos (JosÈ ElÌas DÌaz GÛmez, Venezuela, May 28, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

See final moments of RCTV and sign-on of Ch·vez-approved Televisora Venezolana Social at YouTube.
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S0A7eiCXadk&NR=
See also Times Online, 29 May 2007, and New York Times News Service, 27 May 2007. Posted: 29 May 2007
http://www.kimandrewelliott.com/index.php?id=1610
(kimandrewelliott.com via DXLD)

It`s a very moving rendition of the national anthem, captioned and signed, whose lyrix more and more stand out as an indictment of Ch·vez and his vile egotism, just in case you wouldn`t get it, starting with those words in this clip --- will the NA be abolished next? (gh, DXLD)

VENEZUELA: SHOULD COUP-SUPPORTING STATION BE REWARDED OR PUNISHED?

There has been a great deal of coverage in the international media concerning President Ch·vez's decision not to renew the licence of RCTV. But is this really the cynical act of an authoritarian government trying to curail free speech, as most (Western) sources have suggested?

I think the key to the matter is the fact that this station was amongst several such broadcasters that actively supported the illegal military coup against the democratically elected Ch·vez government, a coup that only failed because the people of Caracas took to the streets in their thousands to prevent the military rebels overthrowing what is, by all objective measures, a very popular government.

Now the question we should ask is this: Should a station that has blatantly supported an illegal, unconstitutional coup attempt be

rewarded with a renewal of its licence or has it proven, by its actions, that it is not fit to broadcast in an otherwise democratic society? No reward for guessing what my answer is on this question. I cannot imagine there are many countries where a broadcaster that advocated overthrowing the government, arresting the president and reversing the popular reforms on which he was elected would be allowed to carry on unmolested.

Ch·vez represents the poor and dispossessed in his country and is a great inspiration to people right across Latin America, so we should not be surprised that vested corporate interests in Venezuela itself and elsewhere want to see the back of him. Even with the closure of RCTV, corporate interests still own and control a sizable slice of the country's media and, in the case of the press, enjoy a near monopoly.

So before we allow ourselves to be swayed by the overwhelming torrent of anti-Ch·vez propaganda emanating from the international media, let's make sure we know the other side of the story (Roger Tidy, UK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

New DX Target - TVES Venezuela

Details of Hugo Chavez's replacement for RCTV:
http://origin.mercurynews.com/tv/ci_6004717?nclick_check=1
(Curtis Sadowski, IL, WTFDA via DXLD) see also RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM

VENEZUELA: ANOTHER TV UNDER FIRE AMID RCTV FALLOUT

Hard on the heels of the closure of terrestrial broadcasts from Radio Caracas TV (RCTV), Venezuela's oldest private TV network, another private channel has come under fire from officials.

GlobovisiÛn, a 24-hour news station, faces an investigation over claims by Communications Minister Willian Lara that it incited a plot to assassinate President Ch·vez.

At issue is a recent edition of the "Hello Citizen" programme, which showed footage of the 1981 assassination attempt against Pope John Paul II, accompanied by the song "Have Faith" by Panamanian salsa musician Ruben Blades. State-run VTV said the song featured the lyric: "Have faith, because this does not end here, show some faith, because there is reason to live."

"The minister construed the video clip as a challenge to the government from the head of GlobovisiÛn, Alberto Federico Ravell," VTV reported. It said Lara predicted that "sabotage campaigns" conducted by private media outlets would fail.

"Good health" for private TV

Meanwhile, amid the fallout from the RCTV case, officials have rushed to comment about the state of the nation's media. State-run ABN news agency said the communications minister was positive about the future of private TV, which he said would have "good health and a good life". Lara said the government would not nationalize the broadcasting spectrum and force TV and radio stations off the air.

The positive note was taken up by former Vice-President JosÈ Vicente Rangel, who said Venezuela was enjoying its highest-ever level of freedom of expression. "Reporters are not censored here and neither is pressure exerted on media outlets," ABN quoted him as saying.

National Assembly leader Cilia Flores, speaking at the launch of RCTV's successor, state-run TVes, said a new era had started: "At last, the monopoly of information and the dictatorship of media outlets will be a thing of the past." But she warned that a "destabilization plan" was being hatched in the US city of Miami, and that its masterminds were behind the pro-RCTV protests in Caracas.

In other quarters, however, concerns were voiced. Opposition politician Alejandro Vivas said the move had been a political one. "President Ch·vez does not want the media to carry news about what is happening in Venezuela... the state-run channel does not even refer to crime, unemployment, and the housing deficit," GlobovisiÛn reported him as saying.

"Attack on freedom"

Similar concerns emerged in the opinion columns of the regional press. Colombia's El Tiempo warned that "the disappearance of RCTV is serious enough as an attack on freedom of the press in Venezuela, but, on top of that, it shows a dangerous totalitarian concept of the media." It added that images of "the loquacious Ch·vez" had almost completely replaced the soap operas that were once staple fare on Venezuelan TV.

"All of this paints a bleak picture of freedom of the press in our neighbour country, increasingly suffocated by Ch·vez's pugnacious caudillo-style leadership and his stated goal of remaining in power indefinitely."

Brazil's O Estado de S„o Paulo said RCTV was paying the price for its independence. "Other private radio and TV broadcasters reached good terms with Colonel Ch·vez years ago and so they are left alone. But RCTV continued with its objective journalism, clashing with the Bolivarian plan."

Brazilian daily Folha de S„o Paulo noted that Ch·vez had eliminated any possibility of his administration being criticized on national TV. "Gradually but unmistakably, Ch·vez is making his climb towards authoritarianism," it added.

Ecuador's El Comercio noted that in losing RCTV, viewers - including supporters and opponents of Ch·vez - were the victims. The paper called for a solution that would "allow people to entertain themselves with a soap opera, instead of boring them with the twists and turns of 21st century socialism".

Venezuelan journalist Teodoro Petkoff, interviewed by Brazil's Folha de S„o Paulo, said he saw signs of a grand plan: "Ch·vez knows that the role of TV is much more important than that of any other medium. He is working to create a media hegemony." Source: BBC Monitoring research 29 May 07 (via WORLD OF RADIO 1361, DXLD)

** VIETNAM. Dear Friends, Yesterday on 28th of May, I receive a nice detailed QSL verification card from RADIO THE VOICE OF VIETNAM for my detailed email reception report on 3rd of April 2007 from 1600-1630 UT on the frequency of 7220 kHz of their English language broadcast. The envelope also contained their thank you letter, frequency-list, post-card, some Vietnamese stamps depicting their military as well as a badge. Their web and email addresses are as follows: - Web: http://vov.org.vn Email: englishsection @ vov.org.vn Regards & 73ís (Mukesh Kumar, The Cosmos Club, Muzaffarpur, INDIA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZANZIBAR. 11735, Radio Tanzania (Presumed), 1931-2005 Mon, 5/28/07. Until 1958, signal was chock full of great hilife-like, melodic music, and occasional and brief announcer talk. Near the hour a male announcer mentioned "Zanzibar," and several mentions of "Tanzania," followed by talk over music, in vernacular. Sounded similar to Arabic, so perhaps Swahili. Surprised to see signal right on FQ, instead of the usual 11734. Zero-beated signal several times to verify this. Fair-good signal, with a fair amount of noise, and not-so-good audio quality, at least for voice. Signal deteriorated somewhat after 1955 (Ross Comeau, MA, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD) Has been on 11735.0 for a year or so since refurbishment (gh, DXLD)

** ZIMBABWE. 3396, 26/5 2220 ZBC - Harare Shona MX afro buono (Roberto Pavanello, Italy, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD) Not `3356` this time (gh)

UNIDonia: Probably Zimbabwe on 4828 kHz at about 1830 UT, May 28, 2007. African music, deep QSB at times, very poor reception, no idea of the language used. Another weak carrier detected on 4828.002, causing some "whining" - this may be local interference. 73 de (Matti

Ponkamo, Naantali, Finland (KP10AK18), Icom IC-718, dipole, HCDX via DXLD)

Hi Matti, yes it's Zimbabwe on 4828. They are testing with non-stop Afro music for the new channel "Voice of Zimbabwe". Another test frequency is 5975 alternating with 4828. 3396/6045 has been observed with the usual programs. 73, (Jari Savolainen, ibid.)

ZIMBABWE: PRESUMED TEST BROADCAST FOR NEW RADIO STATION OBSERVED

A station playing continuous African music without identification or other announcements was observed on shortwave 4828 kHz from tune-in at 2345 gmt on 27 May 2007 until fade-out around 0400 gmt the following day.

This shortwave frequency of 4828 kHz has been used sporadically in the past by ZBC for relays of its domestic networks. Presumably this was a test transmission for ZBC's new external service, Voice of Zimbabwe.

The government's Sunday Mail website http://www.sundaymail.co.zw cites the following schedule for the tests: 4828 kHz at 1630-0530 gmt; 5975 kHz at 0530-1630 gmt. At the same time ZBC's second domestic network, Radio Zimbabwe, was heard on shortwave 3396 kHz. Source: BBC Monitoring research 28 May 07 (via WORLD OF RADIO 1361, DXLD)

** ZIMBABWE [non]. Voice of the People via MDG, 9765 at 0400+ in unID language. Strong at S7. I've tuned in regularly for the past week and have not heard jamming. Talk, good African music. 28 May (Liz Cameron, Metro Detroit, MI, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 977, 1083: see U S A

UNIDENTIFIED. 4019.94, 1000-1015 May 29, steady ranchera type music with no comments. Sounds like a Central American station from type of music heard. Signal was fair (Chuck Bolland, Clewiston, Florida, NRD545, WORLD OF RADIO 1361, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Or Mexican! Could be 3 x 1340, or could R. Verdad finally have a companion on the unique Guatemalan 75m SWBC band? In the NRC AM Log I don`t see any Floridian on 1340 with Spanish format (gh, ibid.)

Glenn, did you see my unID on 4019 variable this morning? Sounds very much like Central America, but Bob Wilkner says he thinks it's South America. Have you had anything on it? I did a search of WOR site, but no hits (Chuck Bolland, FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. Re 7-062, 5897.5: At 0845 (29 May Tuesday UT) I heard a 5f voice numbers station on 5898.00. As per my logs a few days ago,

there always seems to be a carrier on 5899 but so far I haven't heard any transmission there. Don't know if these folks have regular skeds anymore like they did a few years back-it would seem logical to have some sort of sked. A query on http://www.spynumbers.com showed nothing for these frequencies. 73/Liz (Liz Cameron, Metro Detroit MI, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also CUBA

UNIDENTIFIED. 7590 at 0335+ with Mid Eastern music. Very faint. Denge Mezopotamya is supposed to be inactive on this frequency. HFCC lists nothing else. Faded by 0400, so no chance of an ID. 29 May. (Liz Cameron, MI, via dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 9735, 7-062: see TAIWAN

UNIDENTIFIED. During Rai`s transmission on 15380 to NAm, May 28 at 1838, I found a low het on the low side, about 15379.8. Rechecked at 1903, Rai was still on with chirps, but no het. Can`t find anything else that is supposed to be on 15380 at this hour; could be a spur from some other 19 mb transmitter (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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READING INTERNATIONAL RADIO GROUP

The next meeting will take place on Saturday June 2nd at 2.30 p.m. in Room 3, Reading International Solidarity Centre, 35-39 London Road, Reading and will include a look at radio at the time of the Falklands War including audio of the Falkland Islands Broadcasting Station at the time of the invasion, Radio Argentina al Exterior, Liberty and Radio Atl·ntico del Sur. We will also be looking at the latest proposals for the future of UK Radio as well as a look back to the start and development of BBC local radio in London.

For further details email me or phone 01462 643899.
(Mike Barraclough, May 28, worlddxclub yg via DXLD)

CHRISTIAN VISION INTERNATIONAL TO HOST B07 HFCC/ASBU CONFERENCE IN BIRMINGHAM UK

Christian Vision International http://www.christianvision.com are to host the B07 High Frequency Co-Ordination Conference at the Hilton Birmingham (U.K.) Metropole Hotel from 27th to 31st August 2007. There are no further Details at the moment, but I am keeping an eye on this.
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I don`t have the advanced Software to get into 'CVI's' Site; perhaps somebody else would like to try. My Source is the High Frequency Co-Ordination Site (HFCC) (Ken Fletcher 1612UTC=1712UTC/ //27th May 2007>>>Wirral (CH43 5RG), BDXC-UK via DXLD)

2007 Radio Day in Amsterdam 10 November

The date of the 2007 Radio Day in Amsterdam has been announced as November 10th.

For nearly 30 years, the annual Dutch "Radio Day" has been a "must" for all (offshore) radio experts and enthusiasts. About 300 people are normally attending the event each year. The 2004 Radio Day saw the Radio Caroline 1973/74 reunion with many former deejays, technicians and crew members, and in 2005, "RNI in 1970" attracted several former Radio NorthSea employees who had a magnificent discussion on the podium. In November 2006, the Voice of Peace reunion formed a major highlight, as 20 former VoP jocks and technicians got together from all over the world.

Hans Knot, Rob Olthof and Martin van der Ven are now busily planning this year's event which will be held on Saturday 10th November 2007 in Amsterdam's Hotel Casa 400 near the Amstel railway station (James Wattstraat 75). . . .

So you may look forward to many interesting guests and exciting discussions! Just watch this place - we will constantly keep you updated. http://www.offshore-radio.de/radioday/index.html
(via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING DRM: see INDIA; LIBYA; NIGERIA
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DTV DOOMSDAY?

The February 2009 analog shut-off may not be such a doomsday scenario as television broadcasters have come to fear, pubTV technology analyst David Liroff recently told the Public Television Programmers Association [Via Technology 360].

http://technology360.typepad.com/technology360/2007/05/the_analog_shut.html
(via Current May 25 via DXLD)

WSM NIGHT SIGNAL NOW WITH IBOC HISS COURTESY OF WSCR 670

http://www.radio-info.com/smf/index.php/topic,72033.0.html
(via Artie Bigley, DXLD) see also U S A: KFAB/WHO

RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM
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COLOR TV SIGNAL FILTERING

Re DXLD 7-062, VENEZUELA:

``Following story details some of RCTV`s previous infraxions and penalties, amazingly including being required to `filter out` color signals for several years (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)``

Glenn, I bought my first color TV in 1964 while living near Montreal. At the time we could receive in color via cable: NBC from Plattsburgh, NY; ABC from Mt. Washington, NH; and later CBS from Burlington, VT. At the time Bonanza was the lead color program aired by NBC.

On Sunday evening CBC took a real time feed of Bonanza directly from NBC. But the CBC was not permitted by the government regulators to telecast colour programming. They deliberately re-keyed the horizontal sync pulses so the colour burst signal riding on the back porch of the sync signal was deleted. This would cause receivers to think the program was in black and white.

However, a friend of mine pointed out that if one maladjusted the controls in the back of the receiver, one could see the glorious color of Bonanza. The only problem is that without the burst signal to lock the color demodulator to the transmitted signal, the colors would slowly shift through all the colors of the rainbow. Purple people were quite fun to watch and provided a drug-free psychedelic experience.

So don't blame the Venezuelans, they had the Canadian model as precedent for how a free and open broadcaster should behave. Maybe they were getting off on the unsync'd colors and thus saving a lot of money they would otherwise have to spend for drugs (Joe Buch, DE, May 28, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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SOVIET TROPO SCATTER

Re 7-062: Soviet/Russian tropospheric relay communication network
http://www.trrlsever.org/SEVER/trrl_sever.html
the main map
http://www.trrlsever.org/SEVER/LINES/main_map.html

Interesting to note that such a line had also been established to India. Image page, including stamp featuring a symbolic phone call

between Leonid Brezhnev and Indira Ghandi (?):
http://www.trrlsever.org/SEVER/HISTOR/histor_sssr-in-03.html
(Kai Ludwig, Germany, May 29, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

ARNIE COROíS DXERS UNLIMITEDíS HF PLUS LOW BAND VHF PROPAGATION UPDATE AND FORECAST

Solar activity was at extremely low levels, with ZERO sunspot count and the solar flux at 70 and even below. So, the daytime maximum useable frequency continues to be only reaching barely above 20 megaHertz for short periods, and staying even below 15 megaHertz on some circuits. The chances for Sporadic E propagation events are now coming to their maximum for the year, as we enter the month of June. There is great expectation for the upcoming ARRL June VHF QSO Party Contest, because if the very low solar activity continues, we may see some really big sporadic E events happening, that the operators of Cubaís main entry in the contest, special prefix callsign T49C, hope to make very good use to once again win that contest (Arnie Coro, RHC DXers Unlimited May 29, HCDX via DXLD)

Geomagnetic field activity was at quiet to unsettled levels on 21 May. Activity increased to quiet to active levels on 22 May with a brief minor storm period detected at high latitudes. A further increase to quiet to major storm levels occurred on 23 May with a brief severe storm period detected at high latitudes. The 22 - 23 May disturbance was due to a coronal mass ejection passage associated with a 19 May filament disappearance from old Region 956 (N03, L =071, class/area Dkc/300 on 17 May). ACE solar wind data indicated the CME passage began late on 21 May with increased IMF total field intensity (which reached a peak of 14.3 nT at 22/0514 UTC) and periods of sustained southward IMF Bz (minimum - 11.3 nT at 23/0932 UTC). A recurrent coronal hole high-speed stream influenced the field during 24 - 27 May. Field activity ranged from quiet to major storm levels during this time. ACE data indicated a peak velocity of 750 km/sec at 26/1123 UTC and minimum IMF Bz of -6.9 nT at 24/1350 UTC associated with the high-speed stream. Proton densities reached a peak of 35.5 p/cc at 22/2340 UTC in advance of the high-speed stream.

FORECAST OF SOLAR AND GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY 30 MAY - 25 JUNE 2007

Solar activity is expected to be at very low to low levels. Isolated C-class flares are possible during 08 - 21 June due to the return of old Region 956 to the visible disk. No proton events are expected at geosynchronous orbit. The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to reach high levels during 30 May - 03 June, 17 June and 20 - 25 June. Quiet conditions are expected during 30 May - 02 June. Activity is expected to increase to quiet to active levels during 03 - 04 June due to a recurrent coronal hole

high-speed stream. Activity is expected to decrease to mostly quiet levels during 05 - 13 June. An increase to unsettled to active periods is expected during 14 - 15 June due to a recurrent coronal hole high-speed stream. Quiet to unsettled conditions are expected during 16 - 19 June. Another recurrent coronal hole high-speed stream is expected to affect the field during 20 - 23 June. Unsettled to minor storm conditions are expected during this time with major storm periods possible at high latitudes. Activity is expected to decrease to quiet to unsettled levels during 24 - 25 June.

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# Product description and SEC contact on the Web
# http://www.sec.noaa.gov/wwire.html
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(http://www.sec.noaa.gov/radio via DXLD) ###